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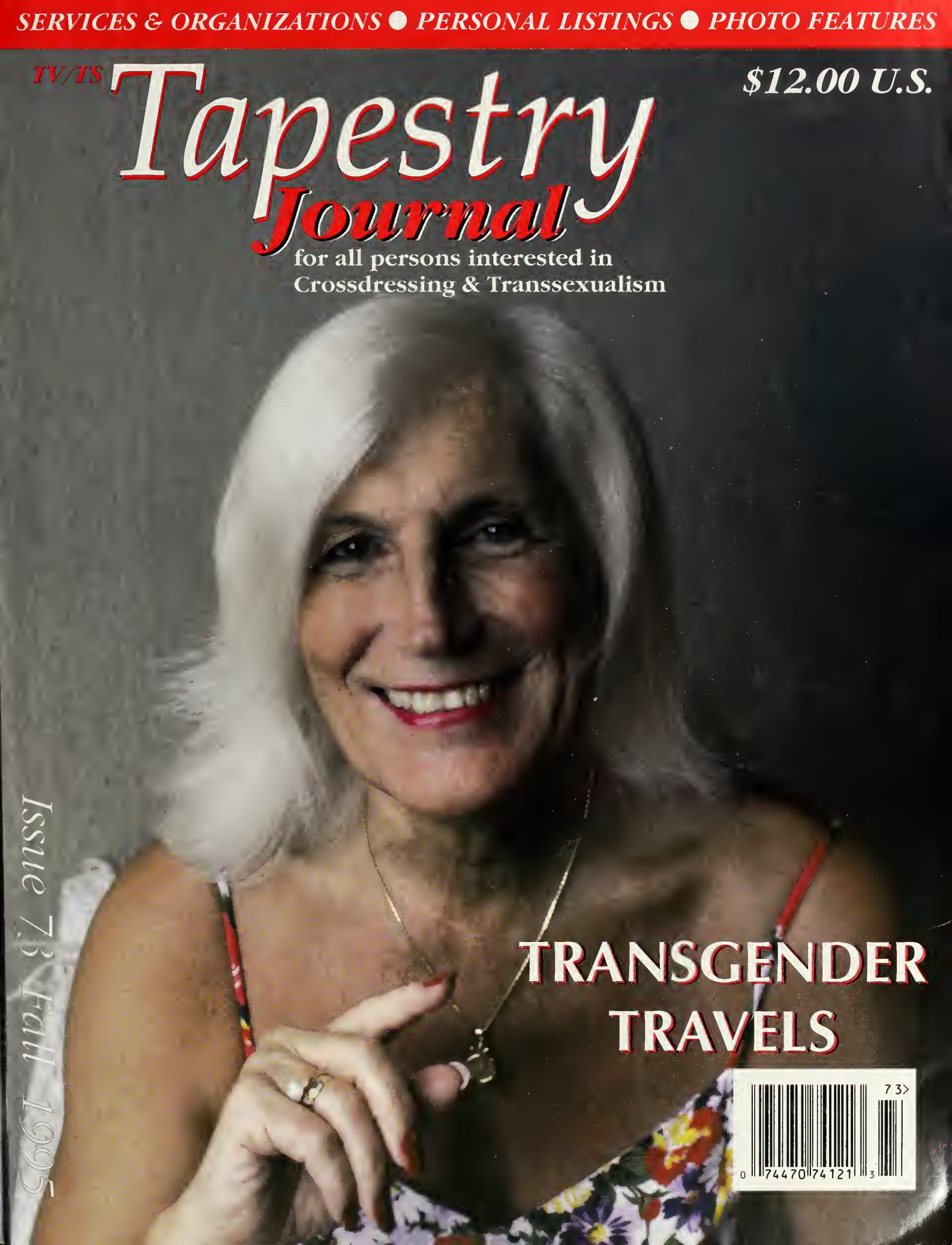

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The Editor's Desk

Frank Zappa died a while back. I still grieve the loss. When Dave Brubeck started moving away from the jazz traditions in the early fifties, refusing to be bound by fixed key and time signatures, the standard theme-bridge-chorus structure and harmony and counterpoint that were older than anyone in the quartet, my knowledge and understanding of music were too shallow to go with him into uncharted waters. By the time the Mothers of Invention hit the scene, I had caught up. Here were musicians who had learned how to play music, who were fluent in this medium, and therefore could use the past as a springboard to the future. When they sang a piece, each member of the band using a different key and a different meter and it comes out a song, I learned that there was a better reason to study solfege than just to be able to sing in tune. These were guys who could take me beyond the twelve major and minor keys; three/four, four/four, cut time and Siciliano. And, they had a sense of humor, as did old J.S. Bach if you've ever heard him played by someone who gets the joke. Anyone who thinks the mind is the ugliest part of the body, and can write a song to that effect, has to be taken seriously. All of which is to say why the "religious" pieces are in this issue of the *Tapestry:* reading them reminds me of listening to the Mothers of Invention, or to Dave Brubeck. Terri Main, William Coffin, Dallas Denny and Karen Kroll have all done their homework. We can disagree with what they say; we can demonstrate that their beliefs are wrong, but they have worked hard enough and paid a high enough price for those beliefs that they cannot be dismissed out of hand.

The other articles are part of my continuing attempt to separate the real from the pretend. What really does make a difference: How many genders there are? What we call ourselves? How much time we spend crossdressed? Whether or not we take hormones? Which bathroom we use at the shopping mall? Or, just whether or not we get caught?

The one thing that has struck me again and again in nearly twenty-five years in the organized transgendered community is how bad we all are at seeing who and what we see when we look in the mirror. Most of the rest of this issue is shots at shining light on that image from a different angle, of a different color, through a different filter, to try and make that image more clear; to get the pretense moved a little ways away from the substance.

This is my last issue as IFGE's Editor/Director of Publications. The new Editor/Director of Publications is Jean Marie Stine. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles, letters, cartoons, photographs, support and criticism during my tenure. There is no way this all could have happened without this ceaseless flow of materials and supportive energy. Thank you all! Please continue making these selfless contributions so that Jean and Stacey can take IFGE publications to new heights.

Vivian Allen

(Note: "So long, ol' friend", you are missed. - S.E. Toon, Creative Director)

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The Best Is Yet To Come

by Jean Marie Stine

As the incoming editor-in-chief (make that editress-in-chief), I have been asked to introduce myself. That makes sense, since this department is headed "Introduction." However, starting next issue, this section of *Tapestry Journal* will introduce the magazine's articles, features and authors; while actual editorials will appear in "The Editor's Desk".

That's not the only change you will notice over the coming year. We've got some pretty exciting plans for what I like to think of as the Victoria Regina of transgender magazines. Next issue, for example, we have a surprise scheduled for the cover that I think will prove a real eye-opener.

Some of these changes have been discussed in various publications within the community. The truth is, most of what you have read there is pure speculation and much of it erroneous, at that. The fact is, we here at *Tapestry Journal* are just in the middle of finalizing those changes ourselves, so nobody else can possibly claim to already know what direction they will take.

Some things I can tell you about now; others, Yvonne Cook-Riley, our Director of Operations, has instructed me to remain mum about -- so we can surprise you with them later. You can look forward to some fascinating new departments, as well as new departures for a couple of those we are currently running. In addition, you'll find longer, meatier, and more thought-provoking articles; in-depth interviews with makers, shakers and personalities in our community; plus special *Tapestry* "Roundtables" where members of the transgendered community with differing views come together to share their perspectives and, hopefully, find common ground.

We also plan to increase our coverage of transgender figures in the media, as well as how the media perceives and portrays our community. You'll definitely be seeing more about our F2M brothers in these pages. Our photographic coverage of the community will also begin grow, as it already has with this issue's special Be All report.

At the same time, loyal readers of Tapestry will still find the same departments, features, and writers they've come to expect inside our pages. Heterosexual crossdressers, and their spouses and families, who represent the largest segment of our community, will be the subject of renewed focus, as will transgenderists, but, at the same time, we plan to begin a series of features of vital interest to transsexuals, both pre and post-op.

In the very next issue, for instance, we'll be featuring an
inside look at the making of the new film that stars Patrick Swayze in drag, *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar*; an exclusive photo-essay on Cuba's transgender community; a report on how the recent National Organization of Women annual convention responded to a resolution calling for recognition of their M2F sisters (including which NOW past president was among the first to support the resolution); a review of the events of 1995, a breakwater year for our community, in almost every respect; and much more.

Beyond that, we already have writers at work on the appalling story of what happens to transgenderists and TS pre-ops in our prison system; a first-hand account of celebrated director Ed Wood's crossdressing, that offers insights the Hollywood film biography missed completely; a feature on Ru Paul; articles on the psychology of piercing and corseting, along with some oh-so necessary safety tips (but so tastefully handled that *Tapestry* will still be a magazine any reader could leave on their coffee table or offer an outsider as a positive example of our community); plus ... but that would be telling too much, and spoiling all our surprises.

I have also been asked to introduce myself. But before that, I want to acknowledge the incredible contribution Vivian Allen, our departing editor-in-chief, has made to *Tapestry Journal* during her tenure. Working long into the night, she has assembled a consistently interesting group of features, patiently devoted time to helping authors more clearly, or more precisely, express their points; spent long hours pouring through letters, faxes, e-mail, press releases, zines, newspapers, and mainstream publications to bring you the latest-breaking and most significant news concerning our community; (and she's also responsible for doing the yeowoman's work on this issue; blame me for any gaffs in the letter or news departments, or the proofreading).

As for myself, much about my personality should already be apparent from my writing style. As for the personal details, I spent many years as a heterosexual (mostly) crossdresser, before I realized I was actually a transsexual, and am now very pre-op (which puts me pretty close to a temporary transgenderist). As an editor (or editress, as I prefer it), I labored for nearly a decade on popular psychology and science books (particularly self-help) for a number of publishers; and have also had extensive magazine experience. My first novel, *Season of the Witch,* recently republished by *Rhinoceros Books*, is kind of a sci-fi sex-change story that has just been made into a motion picture (probably titled *Memory Run)*, which should be out on cable and available in the video stores about the time you are reading this. I have also edited several science fiction and fantasy anthologies, among them, *New Eves: Science Fiction About the Extraordinary Women of Today and Tomorrow* (Longmeadow Press), which contains a number of stories with transgendered themes, including (honest) a heterosexual alien insect crossdressing story!

Alison Laing

Transgender Leadership & Community

Shared Leadership - Providing More Effective Results

Never in the history of the Transgender Community has the need for effective leadership been greater.

We are on the edge of a new era, with public acceptance on the one hand rising and an increased backlash from the conservative and religious right elements on the other. Our community is growing by leaps and bounds with new support groups being formed across the continent weekly and new political action and service organization rushing to address specific agendas. It is paramount that all the leaders in our community be both effective in dealing with their followers and in working cooperatively and inter-dependently among themselves. Otherwise, we will all find ourselves working at cross-purposes, missing the opportunity we now have to make a real difference in the world.

In principle, all participants in a successful community are leaders. But there is now, and always will be, a need for individuals to act as faciltators and coodinators to bring things together. Just as in a symphony orchestra, each musician plays his or her own specific instrument. But under the leadership of the conductor, it all blends together to make a beautiful music. Of course, the musicians could try to play without a conductor, but experience has shown that discord and diharmony are the result.

Successful businesses, institutions and organizations are almost always the result of effective leadership. Yet we can see that they are many different styles of leadership, different personalities and different ways of interacting with people. The question arises then, "What makes a good leader?" And why would any one want to be a leader any way?

The latter question is easiest to answer. People become leaders "because they want to be a leader." Of course, the real answer is more complex.

A leader's motivation may stem from the desire to change society, to right an injustice, to enlighten the world. They may have a vision of a better way of providing a product or service, and at the same time earn a good income. They may feel that success will bring rewards in the form of prestige, glory, or the feeling they have made a contribution with their life. Or their motivation may stem from a balance of all of these factors. In any case, they choose to lead because they want to accomplish a goal that can only be achieved with the help of others.

It is followers, if you will, that determine that a person is a leader. In fact, the best measure of leadership is may be how dedicated their followers are to the goal.

So what are the principles that make an effective leader? How can a leader avoid the pitfalls that have often brought down other "would be" leaders? In the past, the principles of leadership have been strongly based on the "top down chain of command" concepts developed in both Western and Eastern governments, churches, businesses, and universities. Yet, if one studies history, it becomes apparent that many of the greatest leaders were not good managers nor did they enbroil themselves with complicated organizational charts, operationing procedures, and job descriptions.

There is another, newer school of leadership that is dedicated to "Doing the right thing; not just doing things right!" In this approach, one element seems to underlay all the principles it espouses. The leader's vision is *shared* with those that may become followers. This can be accomplished only through the sincere communication of the vision in an inspirational and enthusiastic manner. The more specific and concrete the vision is, the easier it will be envisioned by others. But this may leave little room for others to see their own twist of the same general vision. So it is best to leave room to allow for a wider interpretation.

Naturally, having an inspired group of followers lends the leader greater power to fulfill that vision. Again, *sharing* this power with other leaders within the following, allowing and encouraging them to have ownership of the vision, and to take a role in in planning and performing the activities required to reach the goals, empowers them to also be leaders of the cause. This in turn inspires others, thereby growing the following and increasing the effectiveness of leadership.

When there is leadership and a following with embedded leadership in place, dedicated to a common purpose, they must take action to translate the goal into reality. And they must *share* the many tasks it takes to accomplish the specific actions that lead to the longer range or ultimate goal.

Finally, if the leadership and the community of followers are to be sustained, then all must *share* in the rewards of their efforts, be they monetary, glory, or the simple satisfaction of having done a good thing!

Shared leadership is not a wholly new concept, but it may seem new to those who first experienced leadership in the autocratic old style systems. The approach of shared leadership is a necessary and effective way in which we of the transgender community can help bring about our shared goals of making a better world for us all.

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Three Hallelujahs for Us All

by Dr. Sheila Kirk

A few recent events in the world of medicine offer cause for rejoicing to all members of the transgendered comunity.

A great many of us, undoubtedly all of us, no matter where we may be in the transgendered spectrum, want validation and acceptance. We want this primarily from those who are closest to us—the parents, spouses, and siblings in our lives. If others will enter into that circle, so much the better. We want to be viewed as responsible, honest and worthy no matter what our gender activity and spirit and how we express it. Our great fear in discovery is misunderstanding and embarrassment, but more so that we will lose credibility and esteem in others' valuation of us.

It hurts terribly to know that we are perceived by the professional community as being afflicted by an illness, a disorder. In fact, we are insulted by the fact that professionals think of us as having a mental disorder, a malady of the mind, a personality problem that needs psychotherapy. We are deeply troubled that some professionals continue in the view that medication is needed to bring us back to balance and to a behavior that society is comfortable with.

Dr. Sheila Kirk is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and is a member of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association. She has written two books on hormone therapy, one for Male to female and one for female to male published by IFGE. She is currently working with IFGE as a medical consultant to the transgendered community, and as a liaison between that community and the medical community. If you have any questions or suggested topics for discussion, write her c/o IFGE, PO Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367 USA.

The *DSM-IV*, with the help and dedicated efforts of George R. Brown, MD, a psychiatrist very knowledgeable and experienced in transgender medical care, has finally been adjusted in order to considerably alter the mental health-care professional's view of a very large segment of the transgendered population. The fetishistic cross-dresser and the crossdresser who may have matured or grown to a point of abandoning the fetishistic mode is the segment of the community I refer to. These two groups are now considered to have no need for any diagnosis of a psychiatric nature because of their transgendered spirit and behavior. These individuals are not to be labeled with a mental disorder diagnosis by the mental health-care professional. Only when certain behavioral characteristics are observed or known to be in evidence are these transgendered to be put into a diagnosis of psychiatric disorder.

Hence, for a crossdresser to merit a psychiatric diagnosis, he or she must evidence one of the three Ds of diagnosis:

1. Distress.
2. Disability (occupational or otherwise).
3. Dare-deviling (high risk behavior likely to lead to physical injury, loss of job, family disruption, imprisonment, etc.).

In other words, those whose crossdressing is currently troubling and has caused major problems in life, love, leisure, or job, or possibly because it is an aspect of their life that is totally out of control and poorly accepted within themselves, these will be given a psychiatric diagnosis.

Take note that a fourth D, deviance, is specifically excluded by the American Psychiatric Association as a basis for rendering a diagnosis. "Just because society does not accept crossdressing behaviors is not sufficient reason to label a person with a psychiatric diagnosis," states Dr. Brown in a very scholarly work presented to the *DSM-IV* committee.

Therefore, be comfortable. Organized psychiatry implicitly has signed on to the Transgendered Bill of Rights in supporting the right of transgendered persons to crossdress without a diagnosis. Simply put, those transgendered who currently crossdress without damaging their lives in any major way and, in fact, have now matured and grown to the point where being a crossdresser is celebrated as a gift, the ability to sample life's adventures from multiple perspectives and whose crossdressing is neither troubling nor out of control even though it conflicts with spouse, family, or another part of society, these are not to be tagged with any psychiatric diagnosis because of their transgenderism. **HALLELUJAH!**

Another clinical event for you to think about is the recent report of a Harvard University research group recently made to the *New England*

Journal of Medicine. Its study consists of 1,183 women who had breast implants placed as long ago as 1976. 876 of this group had received silicone gel-filled implants. The women were asked to complete and return questionnaires that dealt with health issues and their specific health status through May 31, 1990. In the statistical analysis of these return surveys, there was no major link between those having silicone filled implants and any major illness, particularly immune diseases, such as those involving connective tissue. This study corroborates similar studies done at the University of Michigan and at the Mayo Clinic, both of which were reported last year.

Suffice it to say that while all these studies are relatively small in number and short in duration of observation, the implication is strong that major illness is not associated with these implants as charged by many women and their attorneys in suits against the Dow Corning Corporation.

There is no doubt that implants, whether silicone- or saline-filled, will cause some problems for a number of recipients. Those problems are of minor nature, however, when compared with major illnesses such as rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus, and cancer. While no study as yet has accurately put the lesser problems of pain and discomfort in the breasts, chest, and upper torso, or those referable to scar formation and breast asymmetry, in the right perspective (and this needs to be done), there is no doubt that the implants, which are truly foreign bodies, are a part of the etiology. Yet, to what extent is not altogether clear because some blame must be shared by the surgeons placing them along with a phenomenon of healing, the fibrous capsule that forms around the implant after a period of time.

It should be a relief to those of our sisters who have had implants of any kind placed, or who are planning this surgery at some later date, that these studies are strongly reassuring. The greatest probability is that no major illnesses lie ahead because of these implants. Equally reassuring is the fact that the unpleasant minor problems that may come to some can usually be relieved by removal, as discouraging as that thought may be. **HALLELUJAH!**

One other important clinical event is the human genome project. It is moving along at a remarkable pace with more than remarkable findings reported to the medical literature. Identification of specific genes responsible for various bodily functions, and especially important, those that are recognizable as being responsible for various disease entities when they go awry, is continuing at a marvelous pace. Genes responsible for colon and breast cancer, for some forms of deafness and for a host of other less encountered disorders, such as ataxia-telangiectasia, are only some of the identified genes reported. The promise of complete mapping of the human body by the year 2010 will be kept, I am certain. Then I feel sure the gene or genes responsible for homosexuality or transgenderism will be identified as well. I offer another Hallelujah, though I predict society will be just as rigid and as righteous then as it is now.

Oh, well, **HALLELUJAH!** any-way.

A CALL FOR HELP

Sheila Kirk, M.D., has been conducting several on-going projects for the Trans-gendered community and the medical professionals that provide transgendered services. To assure their success and to maximize their effectiveness, she needs your continued support and help in the following areas:

Health-Care Professional Referral List

Dr. Kirk compiles and maintains a referral list used to direct individuals to responsible and responsive health-care professionals all over the United States. One of the very important ways that Dr. Kirk uses to continue this work is to ask that members of the community who have located health-care professionals (i.e., physicians, psychologists and psychiatrists) who they feel are competent and knowledgeable be made known to her. Please forward names, addresses, phone numbers and their specialties so that she can include them in her lists.

Post-Operative M-F Transsexual In-Depth Survey

Post-op M-F and F-M individuals are needed to be a part of a survey which asks in-depth questions about transition, medical care and the surgery experience.

Dr. Kirk is interested in knowing about post-surgical medical care and the situations that the Post-op individuals currently experience in the workplace, etc.

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To participate send a letter to Dr. Kirk stating your willingness to take part, your name and address.

Teenage Crossdressing Study

This very important longitudinal study has been in progress for 2 1/2 years and will be conducted for a considerable length of time.

Male youngsters in the 12-19-year old age group are needed to take part in this study examining their social lifestyles and educational accomplishments. Initial surveys and subsequent surveys will be conducted to determine their level of adjustment in those areas.

It would be greatly appreciated if members of the community would be alert to these youngsters and then refer them to me for my inquiry and continuing evaluation. Their parents or health care providers are encouraged to contact me as well. Their insight would prove invaluable.

The confidentiality of all participants and their families is strictly adhered to.

If you are interested in partici-pating in any of these projects or seek further information, write to:

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Legal Briefs

CIVIC VIRTUE: When In Doubt, Disclose!

by Daniel J. Shea

Last year, this case came into my office through a drug counselor. And I had had little or no exposure to the transgender community at the time this case came in. So, like most uncourageous lawyers, I decided to call a judge for guidance. I did, and to my great surprise, he told me not only should I take the case, but that I should allow myself to be largely guided by Phyllis Frye. I relied upon the judge's advice, and I want to tell you that it really enhanced my practice to become involved with your community.

So, Phyllis, your reputation not only precedes you but I guess it should be an object lesson for both you and me and anyone in the legal profession how much our own personal integrity and reputation in the community is really an asset that is without regard. It's worthy. It's just a golden asset in anyone's life, and you have that. I want you to know that, and I want your peers to understand that's the kind of reputation that you have in Houston, especially among the judiciary.

The duty to disclose has to do with whether or not a transgendered person should or must disclose to a potential lover who does not know about the transgender history. Whether or not that person, indeed, has been born chromosomally and biologically male or female. What I'd like to do is talk about some fundamental issues regarding the duty to disclose and some other duties which I like to think about as civic virtues.

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If you have an opportunity to go down to the Houston City Hall, I recommend that you go in and look around the rotunda. One of the captions on the wall that the City of Houston is supposed to be promoting is Civic Virtue. I saw that a number of years ago when I was in a law school, and I thought to myself, What is civic virtue? I've always associated virtue with being fundamentally religious.

In the interest of disclosure, I once studied to be a Catholic priest. I have a graduate degree in theology from a papal university and all that sort of thing. I always figured that virtue was something that religion deals with, and that civil society is basically unvirtuous. So, if you want to be a virtuous society, send your kids to church. I came from the Irish Catholic educational system in Boston. We got our virtue from the nuns. I mean where else do you learn those kinds of things?

Something happens to you when you go through law school and you begin to study about the separation of the church and state. Something also happens to you when you begin to reject theology because the way it treats, not only, transgendered people but also gay people, of whom I am one. So I began to think that, if I somehow reject religion, does that mean I'm going to end up on the outside looking in and being a person who has absolutely no virtue? There are some who may conclude that, but I'm not willing to accept that.

Nevertheless, I found that in the years that I went to law school, which is not that long ago, there are a number of interesting points in the law that are what we can point to and say, "Yes, that's a civic and not a religious and moral virtue." So I'd like to talk about two of those civic virtues which I think might be relevant. The first one has to do with promise-making. I noticed there is a lot of discussion in terms of whether or not we as a community should be actively pursuing same-sex marriage, or freedom for people to marry without regard to biological history. Should two adult people be able to form a community of life in a marriage or what is typically known as a marriage contract?

In order to answer that question I think you have to an overview on what contracts are all about. In the English common law, we have what is known as contracts. A contract is a very simple notion: I will give you a promise in exchange for your doing something. Or, I will give you a promise in exchange for your promise to me. And these mutual promises are supported by some kind of consideration. Now, I have to tell you that, in the few years that I've practiced law, in every contract case in which I have represented either a plaintiff or a defendant, either that plaintiff or that defendant would come into my office absolutely shocked that somehow the law would be enforcing a private promise. Stop and think about it.

I say to you, "I'm going to buy your car for $500." And you say, "We got a deal." And then I renege on the deal and that appears to most people to be a private promise. But yet, if you renege on that promise, I can drag you down to the courthouse and put you in front of a jury and get the law to enforce that promise. That tells us that somehow this society considers promise-formation and promise-making to be very fundamental and very important things.

Now, is that a Moral Issue or is it a Civic Virtue? Historically, it's a Moral Issue. I recommend that you read a book by a Professor Berman, who was a professor of law at Harvard University. He wrote a book called *The Formation of the Western Legal Tradition*. And Burman goes back into our Jewish antecedents, goes all the way up through the formation of Canon Law and the formation of Germanic Law, the formation of English Common Law. Essentially the whole notion of the importance of the promise-formation had to do with religion. It came really out of the Roman Catholic Law of Marriage, the notion that making a promise was a sacred act. And remember, if you read the Old Testament, very often when you made a promise, you would put your hands on your father's gonads to indicate the seriousness and the sacredness of making a promise. That's the moral background to law.

But in this society, if we really are going to have something called Civic Virtue that does not depend upon religion, can we find some rational basis for that? I think we can, but it has to do with what is called the Uniform Commercial Code. If you read the Uniform Commercial Code, it's nothing more than a bunch of people getting together, as a statutory body, and saying, "We no longer need consideration to support promises. The only reason we think promises are important is that promises have something to do with reliability."

If I make a promise to you, I should be able to foresee that you're going to take the deal that I made with you and go make another deal on it. And the person that you make a deal with will then take your deal and make another deal. And so we end up in a very interdependent society in which people rely upon each other, not so much for moral purposes, but for the fact that we have to have commercial and personal reliability.

Otherwise, the whole thing falls apart. So, I'd like to submit that one of the reasons that we're beginning to fall apart in this society is, we don't teach our kids about the

"We have to be real careful & real sensitive to meaning what we say"

importance of making promises. Think about that. The Japanese do. The Japanese actually have a Civic Virtue curriculum. If you're raised in Japan, the state teaches the civic virtues. We don't. You really have to get it down at the local religious emporium or you're not going to get it at all.

If you get it at a religious emporium, you're not going to get the specific value of reliability. They'll tell you it's important. You've got to tell the truth and you have to make promises because God said so. And that may or may not be true depending on your personal lives. That's not my point.

The point is, we ought to be able to—as people who live in a democratic society—we ought to be able to point to a value system that is uniquely democratic and uniquely flows from our Constitution. And I would submit to you that that's one of them right there. We have to be real careful and real sensitive to meaning what we say and saying what we mean when we make promises. That's point number one.

Now Civic Virtue point number two, I think, is a corollary to that. And it has to do with the topic of what I call in the case, the duty to disclose. I think as a general rule as a lawyer, I can't think of any client who will come into my office to whom I would not say, "When in doubt, disclose." Why is that a Civic Virtue? I think it's a civic virtue because, in a democracy, we have a basic notion of equality. When decisions are going to be made between two human beings, somehow there's some sense of equality in the decision-making process. In other words, if I'm going to get involved in an intimate relationship—and let's talk about an intimate sexual relationship—is it my place, really, to make the decision about what kind of truth or what kind of information you're going to have in order to make your decisions?

Now, the notion is disclosure. So, what's the evidence of that? If you look at where we've come as a nation in the last twenty years, especially since the Nixon era, the whole thrust of the way that this democracy has evolved has been in the direction of freedom of information. That's point number one. We don't make decisions in a free and democratic society by withholding the truth. And I would submit to you that that's just a very, very fundamental civic virtue and has nothing to do with religion. You don't have to learn that at the synagogue or at the Vatican. It's something that we as a free and democratic people can decide upon as intelligent people to embrace as a civic value.

So, having said that, I think that my notion of living in a democratic society has everything to do with being responsible. Responsibility translates into telling the truth and being reliable. To tell you the truth, I can't think of a heck of a lot more civic virtue that we need to embrace other than those fundamental principles.

Now, the reasons that I got into that had to do with the question, What's our Anthropology? Who are we, as human beings? What are some of the fundamental principles that the transgender community can use to form the basis for the rights that it seeks in a free and democratic society?

I have a notion, first of all, that the way we have to define ourselves fundamentally isn't as male or female, black or white, religious or non-religious, or even human versus other animals. I think that, fundamentally, that's arrogant. I had a great experience. I met a young

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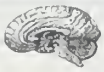

Straight Questions - Straight Answers

by Gianna Eveling Israel

In my daily contact with new counseling clients as well as individuals and professionals calling for information regarding transgendered issues, I encounter a large variety of questions, the most common of which I will share here. As a matter of clarity I use the expression *transgendered* when speaking collectively of individuals dealing with transsexualism, transvestism, transgenderism and androgynism.

HOW DOES GENDER IDENTITY DIFFER FROM SEXUAL IDENTITY?

Gender identity issues and crossdressing are frequently and often wrongly pegged as sexual identity and sexual identity-related behavior. **Sexual Identity** exclusively defines and indicates to whom an individual is sexually attracted, this includes to the same, opposite and both biological sexes. **Gender Identity** defines an individual's innate sense of masculinity and femininity and how those feelings and needs are presented to the others. Frequently a good many people do not disclose or present portions of gender-identified masculine or feminine feelings and needs from within because they may be viewed as unmanly or unwomanly depending on the customs and politics of the current society.

DOES BEING TRANSGENDERED MEAN AN INDIVIDUAL IS OR MAY BECOME GAY?

This question is most frequently based on the common misconception that sexuality and gender identity are the same thing. If an individual has already developed stability within and experienced good recognition and development of their primary sexual identity prior to realizing their transgendered potential, they may discover their sexual orientation has fully developed and will remain the same. However, this is not always the case. Because the human experience is not based on stagnation, but rather on constant experimentation, growth and change, the possibility of discovering new fragments of sexual identity while exploring gender identity are a possibility.

Within the transgendered community, and in my private practice, it has been my observation that transvestites commonly remain the same. Transsexuals may frequently recognize a new sexual orientation directly correlating to their primary gender identity. Transgenderists can go either way. Androgynes remain the same. However, do not take these as rules of thumb, because there is a growing number of lesbian-identified transsexual women and gay-identified transsexual men.

As a final note, occasionally the motivation behind this question may be based on "fear," more precisely ***homophobia*** so I would like to point out that any individual exploring a transgendered identity would be well served by looking beyond archaic s*x taboos and come to the realization that heteros*xuality, homos*xuality and bis*xuality are naturally occurring patterns of human s*xuality.

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Health Note: For those individuals who are experimenting sexually, or are active—protect yourself and your partner from sexually transmitted diseases through "safe sex techniques." If you are unsure which activities are unsafe you may anonymously call 1-800-342-AIDS for more information.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRANSSEXUALS, TRANSVESTITES, TRANSGENDERISTS & ANDROGYNES?

Transsexuals are individuals who feel a consistent and overwhelming desire to transition and live out their lives as members of the opposite gender (sex). This transition usually entails life-long hormone and permanent surgical genital reassignment in company with changes in presentation and in social roles. The diagnosis of gender dysphoria (confusion) is no longer applicable once the transsexual individual has found him or herself comfortably adjusted as a member of the opposite sex, although most schools still consider sexually reassigned individuals to be transsexual.

Transvestites are individuals who feel a desire to crossdress in the clothing of members of the opposite sex, sometimes wishing to appear and socialize publicly. The frequency with which crossdressers do their activity ranges from rarely to often. In most instances crossdressers are not interested in permanently altering their bodies through surgical means, especially since the majority of them are comfortable with their original birth gender. Transvestism or crossdressing, an activity used in exploring individualized expressions of masculinity and femininity, should not be confused with Transvestic Fetishism, an activity oriented towards the wearing and use of opposite-sex clothing for sexual fantasy and fulfillment.

Transgenderists are individuals who may crosslive as members of the opposite sex on a part- or a full-time basis. Like transsexuals, the transgenderists may occasionally be interested in taking hormones as well as altering his or her secondary sex characteristics. Unlike transsexuals, however, the transgenderist is usually not interested in Sex Reassignment Surgery. Unlike transvestites the transgenderist frequently incorporates crossliving into a broader spectrum of his or her social life.

Androgynes are individuals who take on the characteristics of neither gender. This phenomenon can include a variety of experiences including androgynous presentation, behavior, wardrobe and social roles. Androgynes usually are not interested in Sex Reassignment Surgery, although they occasionally seek out hormone therapy and/or surgery in order to repress their secondary sex characteristics. Androgyne-identified individuals and androgyne-identified behaviors have long set wardrobe trends in unisex fashions.

WHO IS AN APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE FOR SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY?

The individual must have at the very least crosslived full-time legally and in presentation as a member of the opposite sex for one full-year. The individual must have received counseling support and assessment from a licensed therapist in addition to an assessment from a psychiatrist specializing in gender and sexual issues.

These requirements are taken from the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care, currently used as guidelines by the mental health industry in determining who is an appropriate SRS candidate.

In my private practice, I encourage individuals to expect to crosslive full-time three to five years prior to SRS. I also strongly encourage individuals to have completed their electrolysis, to have built a strong support system, to have severed marital obligations to pre-existing spousal relationships, to have disclosed their transgendered status to appropriate family, employer and friendship relationships. It would also be prudent to have established career options prior to SRS.

SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY IS NEITHER REVERSIBLE, NOR AN EXPERIMENT!

Prior to an individual being an appropriate candidate for SRS, that person should most definitely have already determined that crossliving permanently, full-time for the remainder of their lives is the right choice. Experimenting with crossliving as well as in the beginning, hormone therapy is reversible. It is during the time before surgery that one needs to clear up any doubts. After a number of years on hormones, and certainly after the surgery, it is too late to change one's mind.

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Skin Cancer of the 90's

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The sun does its damage 365 days a year! The sun to which we deliberately exposed ourselves twenty years ago to get beautiful tans is very different from the sun our children will come to know. Even now, intermittent passive sun exposure, such as we get while driving a car, can pose risks. Many people mistakenly feel that they do not need to use sun screen for brief, intermittent exposure, e.g., left arm outside the window of the driver's side, lunchtime walks or jogging, errands to the bank or post office, etc. Consciousness has gained momentum as our ozone is diminished. Skin cancers have increased, and sun block has become a daily "given." Still some of us continue to give in to the ultra-violet rays of the sun and tanning beds.

According to the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), basal cell carcinomas (BCC) are the most common skin cancer, accounting for the 80% of those that develop each year. (Former presidents Carter, Reagan and Bush all had this type of cancer.) Both basal and squamous cell skin cancers occur most often on the sun-exposed parts of the body such as the face, neck, ears, wrists or hands.

SKIN CANCER CASES

This individual, "Jamie," is a typical sun worshipper. He has a home in Florida and also one on Cape Cod in Massachusetts. What does this tell you? Jamie is in the sun all year round. It all started four months before Jamie's first visit to the dermatologist. He noticed a splinter-like lesion. The lesion grew so fast he was terrified. He thought it might disappear on its own, but professional advice told him it probably would not. His dermatologist diagnosed the lesion as a Keratoa Costhoma. This lesion had to be surgically removed twice before it was totally gone.

In another situation, a patient of mine, "Barbara" comes in for a facial every six weeks. I noticed a small lesion on her eye and brought it to her attention during the skin evaluation. She told me it was nothing, just probably Herpes Simplex. I told her I didn't think Herpes Simplex was likely to form on the eye lid, and suggested that she have a dermatologist look at it. The dermatologist she visited a few days later, pointed out that I may very well have saved her life! A few months more and this could have developed into her lymphatic system. The doctor removed the lesion. We both cried with joy during her follow-up skin care appointment at my office. Several months later however, it reappeared, though this time it was smaller. It had to be excised again before it was completely gone. The key to arresting skin cancer is to act quickly to get the appropriate treatment.

New, more accurate estimates have pointed out that one out of every three Caucasian children born this year will some day develop a BCC. One out of nine will develop a Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC). Non-melanoma skin cancers are probably closer to one million more cases each year. (Melanomas are tumorous or malignant growths characterized by dark pigmentation.) The American Cancer Society recommends that you examine your own body monthly using the "ABCDE Rule." The rule shows that a mole may be a melanoma if it possesses any of the following indications:

Asymmetry (the spot's halves don't match in shape and size),
Border irregularity (edges are jagged or blurred),
Color (pigmentation) is not constant throughout,
Diameter (the spot suddenly grows to more than one-quarter inch in diameter),
Elevation (the spot is raised above the skin's surface).

Early stages of these cancers may also resemble pink or reddish nodules or skin bumps. Later development shows scaly, plate-like, crusty sore spots. Surgical treatment is most often recommended because unchecked tumors grow deeply into the skin and can be quite disfiguring. Although the cure rate with treatment is very high, over 1,200 deaths each year can be attributed to non-melanoma skin cancer. Both types of non-melanoma skin cancer seldom spread if found in their early stages, and can be cured most of the time.

The important steps to take if you suspect an unusual area is affected:

- Make an appointment with a dermatologist. He can make a diagnosis and differentiate between benign and cancerous skin lesions, or any changing moles.
- Get appropriate treatment.
- Have regular follow-up visits (some cancers can occur again).
- Make a point of checking any new growth on your skin.

TANNING

For that awesome-looking golden-colored skin, some of us continue to seek out artificial sun. Sun beds, otherwise known to me as electric beaches, are worse due to the concentration of ultraviolet rays (UVA-the wrinkling rays) and UVB (the burning rays). Several self-tanning products are available within the aesthetic market. The advantages in using these products are:

- You will have a year-round tan with no burning, peeling, tan lines or hours in the sweltering sun,
- No damaging effects of the sun,
- No premature aging, drying or wrinkling of your skin,
- No leathery-feeling skin,
- Keeps skin soft and youthful because most tanners contain moisturizers and SFP,
- Good for fair-skinned or hard-to-tan people.

The active ingredient in most self-tanners is dihydroxy acetone (DHA) and Octyl Methyoxyciannamate. DHA is an ingredient that reacts with amino acids in the skin.

To enhance and lengthen the duration of the results:

- Begin by cleansing skin,
- Exfoliate using a loofah or beauty sponge (this process removes dead skin cells and sebum build up),
- Apply a thin coat of self-tanner and rub it in thoroughly (you may want to wear rubber gloves to avoid ending up with tan palms),
- Follow manufacturer's instructions.

The true color may take a few hours to appear, so wait before applying additional coats. (Note: thicker and rougher skin like elbows, knees, and knuckles could turn darker, so use less in these areas.) The self-tanners that have an SPF (varying ranges) provide necessary UVA/UVB protection. Remember, this protection only lasts a few hours. If you apply self-tanner in the afternoon hours it will not be effective the next morning. Use additional sun screen! If you are using sun screen SPF 15, look for non-comedogenic, which is both PABA and fragrance free. SPF 15 provides very high sun protection with minimal tanning: up to 15 times your natural protection from sunburn. I also recommend that you use a hydrating cream for dry to normal skin types, and an oil-free gel for normal to oily or acne-prone skin. Apply sun screen evenly 30 minutes before sun exposure. Allow 15 minutes for the sun screen to penetrate before applying make-up. Fair-skinned people (Irish, Scandinavian, Swedish, Norwegian, etc.) could burn in the strongest sun (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.) in only 5-15 minutes. Darker skinned people (Greek, Italian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, African Americans, etc.) have a longer allowable exposure time, but it is still measured in minutes, not hours. People of color need to block-up, too!

Protection from and avoidance of the sun will help minimize ravages of aging, cataracts and your immune system suppression. Ultimately, you may live a better, more wholesome, youthful and enriching life!

ABOVE LEFT: Skin Damage due to unprotected sun-exposure.
ABOVE RIGHT: Note the asymmetry, border irregularity, and pigmentation
RIGHT: The same area after treatment.

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man who took me to Sea World a couple of years ago. I was watching the whales and dolphins through all the thing and looking at all their marvelous intelligence. He said to me, "Isn't it arrogant to think that—for us as humans to think that—we're somehow better than they are?" It really took me down a bit. It pushed me back to a notion of first principles. Somehow I shouldn't fundamentally define myself as being human before I should fundamentally define myself as a living being that's part of this ecosystem we live in.

Okay. So, I'm a living creature, and I am interdependent with all other living creatures on this planet, and I think that's reality. Nobody does that any more. I think the next thing we have to understand is we exist and we live in interdependence with all other living things. Again, that has nothing to do with race. It has nothing to do with history, ethnicity, gender, male, female, black, white or anything else. Those are fundamental things that we've got to understand as a basis for proceeding with the transgender movement, or the gay movement for that matter.

Now, I'm going to tell you about the second book I think you should read. It's Carl Sagan's, *Our Forgotten Ancestors*. I read it twice and I need to read it at least six more times. It has to do with the notion that somehow evolution made a decision that we were going to have sexual differentiation as a way of spreading the DNA around. That's all that that means. It has nothing to do with morality; it has everything to do with reality. It's just the way that this carbon-base life form that we share with other mammals and other living things is about.

But, as a human being, I have the freedom to change the course of that life evolution on this planet. That, I think, is what separates me from my cat at home. Skippy doesn't really have the opportunity to change the direction or course of life history, but I do and you do. I don't think that that's a statement of arrogance, it's a statement of human responsibility. I would prefer to be redefined or to be defined, not by what my rights are, but by my responsibilities and my opportunities in what it is that I can contribute.

Not only do I have the opportunity and the responsibility to change the course of life on the planet—that's an opportunity and responsibility to affect the lives of others—but also to affect my own life. So, I have the freedom and I have the responsibility of self definition. See how we're beginning to narrow it down. I can change the course of biological history and human history. If I can do that, and if I have the right and responsibility to do that, why can't I, as a human being, decide that I'm a male or a female? Why do I have to be caught up in my own personal biological history? There's no reason. It's putting the cart before the horse. And I think that that's a freedom that we have as human beings whether we're transgendered people, gay people, blacks or whites or males or females.

Self-definition seems to be one of the fundamental characteristics that we have as human beings. And self-definition is fundamentally a responsibility and our right. And if that's the case, then I have the responsibility to treat others without regard to the following—and I'm going to use four words, and I'd like you to think about this, and maybe these are four words that describe the whole civil rights movement including ourselves, and they're not words that you typically hear—I have the right to treat other human beings, or the responsibility to treat other human beings and to be treated myself, "without regard for biological determinism."

That has everything to do with male/female issues. Seems to me it has a lot to do with gay issues. It has everything to do with saying that I'm not locked into the evolutionary decision, that might have been made three billions years ago, that we're going to have sexual differentiation. So, I have the right to be treated "without regard to biological determinism," and to treat others that way. Those are my responsibilities.

Secondly, ethnicity. Ethnicity has a lot to do with history. Probably ethnicity is a second cousin to both religion and spirituality or history and spirituality. I think that I have the right to redefine myself not only biologically—which largely is what I see the transgender community is about—I also think that I can redefine myself, ethnically, spiritually, and historically. In my particular case, I come from a very well defined ethnic background. I was an inoculated Roman Catholic when I was in the womb. But not only am I recovering Catholic, I'm an escaped Catholic. That's not a right, it's a responsibility.

You see, I really think that there are times in life when you confront the labels that they put on us: boy, girl, black, white, gay, straight, whatever. And not only do you have a right not to be confronted or confined by those labels, I think sometimes you really have a responsibility to throw those labels off. I've been through a lot of soul searching in the last ten years about whether or not I could continue to belong to the Roman Catholic family, given the attitude that they had about women and gays. And I finally concluded that I just—not only did I have a right to escape my ethnic predetermination—I had a responsibility to escape it. That's what I'm trying to get to.

As I look out and I look at you, I see people who just aren't looking for rights but people of enormous opportunity. I must tell you that I admire the courage that it has to take, and again I'm not speaking as a transgendered person. It seems to me that you have to be enormously courageous to overthrow the most fundamental label that's put on all of us. Call us Christian or Buddhist, Irish, Italian, Americans or whatever. But the first label you get when you're born and the last one they put on you when they put you in the grave is your gender. And so, while it's been something of an intellectual exercise for me to toy around with my ethnic identity and my historical identity and my spiritual identity, you have taken that next step. It's the same step that I've taken, but you've taken probably one that's the most courageous of all. I must say that I admire you for it and I'm privileged to be here tonight.

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MOVING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE GENDERS VIA CROSSDRESSING

Although I do dress partly in men's clothing and partly unisex, I do not identify with the word "crossdresser". I have found in my own journey that CD does not adequately describe who I am. I am androgenous.

A recent flurry of articles in both new age and transgender magazines claim that androgynes are being born in epidemic proportions and will herald in the next millennium as some kind of special teachers. The articles frequently assume connections between the lives of North Americans Plains berdaches and the state of being bi-genderous. Because of my respect for indigenous peoples, I do not wish to co-opt experiences from Native American cultures. Therefore, I reject the premise that I am anymore sacred or spiritually in tune than any other human being. To stake my claim as androgenous is not about that.To be androgenous, to dress in the way that I dress: these things are a facet of my gender identity which says I identify as a delightful blend of both male and female. I seek the flow of current within myself where there is a balance and an interconnec-tiveness with life. Who I am attracted to, my sexual orientation, is separate and not within the scope of these paragraphs. There is no mystery here, other than the mystery that surrounds every human being.

It is the transgendered community, the transsexuals and the crossdressers both, which taught me the distinction between gender and sexual orientation. In an oppressive, xenophobic society which lumps all non-conformists together under the label "deviant," I find it to be of paramount importance to be clear about these distinctions while working for our common goals.

I claim a backdoor membership in the transgendered community as one who is dissatisfied with assumed/ assigned gender roles. I remain a proud, passionate, and androgenous individual who loves to dance.

CHRISS-SPIKE QUATRONE

STRAIGHT AND GAY CROSSDRESSERS -- A MEETING OF THE MINDS

Tri-Ess, since its inception, has distinguished itself from all but the heterosexual crossdresser. Currently in an effort to keep moving forward and retain its respected place in the crossdressing community, the Friends of Tri-Ess category has been established, thereby, loose-ning up somewhat on its restrictive nature.

Has the time come for redefining the mission of Tri-Ess? If so, then a more in-depth evaluation should be made of the entire cross-dressing community. At the beginning of this year (1995), I undertook the starting of a new bi-gendered (enjoying the aspects of both masculinity and femininity roles and moving back and forth at will through crossdressing) group on New York City under the aegis of the Tri-Ess. Having been offered space in the NYGL Center in Manhattan, I agreed to have our meetings there, since Manhattan is the center, and most accessible place, in the New York City area. Lower Manhattan, where the Center is, is a highly desirable area. It is a place with many restaurants, bars and theaters that make crossdressers welcome, as well as a safe place to just stroll and window shop. The Center already had a Gender Identity Project on going to handle transsexual people. This is an extensive program, with a peer counseling group that is excellent, dealing with all aspects of transsexualism and headed by Dr. Barbara Warren. Transsexuals in greater New York are within easy reach of all the assistance they could need. What was not available, is a true bi-gender group. Those of us who are not trans (Webster prefix: from one state to another, on to the other side) gendered, but are bi (Webster-prefix: having two) gendered, needed a group that would understand our special needs. In the New York City trans group, for example, most topics of conversation are geared to meet their needs, like name changes, surgery costs, drugs, and electrolysis. These were generally of little or no interest to people who are bi-gendered and want to stay there. These people have an entirely different set of needs that have to be met.

In advertising the a bi-gendered rap group under the aegis, what I found was that gay, as well as heterosexual, bi-gendered people showed up. When we hear the stories of the gay bi-gendered indivi-duals, there is a remarkable similarity with the stories of the heterosexual bi-gendered people. (Won't our future access on the Internet make this distinction even less relevant?) One of the first important things that I learned about our culture was from Virginia Prince, and that was to separate sex and gender, and with that knowledge both the gay and straight participants are quite compatible in the same rap group. It was a real eye-opener to discover this and the gay and straight people both learned much from each other. There was a time when I thought the gay cross-dresser was different from the hetero crossdresser.

When a gay crossdresser seeks help in coming out he is generally directed to a drag or transsexual group because that has been the only thing available to him. It now appears to me that many gay crossdressers would be more comfortable in group like ours, if there was such a group available. I think it's a gross misconception to think that all gay crossdressers are drag queens. For gays, dressing up campy and parading around in drag is a way of making oneself much less vulnerable because it's being done by many people in the gay community. Dressing in women's clothes in an effort to feel and act in a manner not regularly associated with men, to be able to have these feelings and blend into society as inconspicuously as possible, has always been my goal – and exactly fits the needs of the gay crossdressers who

have come to the new group. Generally speaking the straight crossdresser has two separate sets of acquaintances, one being family neighbors, old friends, and work environment people who would know nothing of his crossdressing feelings and actions; while the other group would be made up of friends from the crossdressing community. The heterosexual crossdresser can move back and forth at will, without always having to explain himself, socializing when crossdressed in the generally accepting gay community. However, the gay crossdresser does not have this option. If he lives regularly in the gay community, then where can he go crossdressed and not have to continuously explain himself to everyone he knows? However, just dressing campy and claiming it's all in fun, to allay the gay community, makes it difficult for the serious homosexual crossdresser. (Dressing may be fun and is always enjoyable but, none-the-less, for me, it's a very serious activity.) Examining the crossdressing community, I find my estrangement is with the transsexual element, not the gay crossdresser. I do not feel ambiguous about my sex role but constantly fight the desire to dress more than is practical. I feel Tri-Ess exists to support the bi-gendered person in dealing with his feelings and behavior in both roles and in keeping both roles active. As a committed partner, respectable neighbor, financially responsible, and living within the norms of acceptable social behavior, on one hand, and on the other living out his feminine feelings, the bi-gendered individual truly needs a unique support system comprised of people with similar problems. Letting trans people into his group tends to tip the scales in only one direction and that is contrary to the straight bi-gendered person's needs. The serious gay crossdresser more likely supports his bi-gendered feelings. The new group has not been around long enough to have any track record, but in just a short time, definite patterns are showing up, and we can certainly use more education in helping everyone to better understand the crossdressing phenomenon.

(NOTE: "Drag" used in many ways by many people, is specifically used in this article to describe a male dressing in women s clothing, usually elaborately, and behaving in a manner so as to be taken for a woman!)

LYNDA FRANK, NEW YORK

A CROSSDRESSER'S STRUGGLE FOR SELF-ACCEPTANCE

I just became alive! On May seventh, I purchased a copy, Issue #63 of your wonderful publication. I now mark this date as a turning point in my life. Sealed in a plastic wrapper, I assumed I was just buying another contact magazine, purchased in my so far fruitless efforts to find someone who understands. I was unprepared for the liberating impact of self-realization the contents would have. After years of secrecy, shame, and guilt, I can finally hold my head up proudly and be who I really am! I realize immediately there must be countless others like myself. I hope that you receive similar letters often.

This one is much more than just a testimonial to your efforts, it contains heartfelt gratitude for giving me life! I have crossdressed since age twelve, but could never resolve the confusion this behavior caused in me. I sought escape through alcohol, drugs, and attempted suicide. Although clean and sober for ten years, I still could not find the self-esteem so vital to happiness. I know that I have found it now! Astounded by the wealth of professional advice, and a sense of community I never dreamed could exist, for once and finally, I know there is a place where I can belong and be understood. I am no longer a square peg trying to fit into a round hole! About three years ago, after a lifetime of denial, I began to accept the union of both sides of myself but without any external confirmation I was indeed doing the correct thing. My efforts in that, and the knowledge gleaned from your magazine, have provided an unforeseen leap forward in self-confidence and contentment. I have already managed to contact someone through your listings. Her thoughtful, caring support has been beyond my expectations. For the first time, I have shared my true identity! The questions regarding myself and my "difference" are being answered on a daily basis. Never before have I felt so certain that I was heading in the right direction! I realize that a few months is a short interval and I must exercise patience and caution in the nurturing care of my newfound freedom and acceptance. These first steps outside of self-centered fear have filled me with a profound appreciation of the fact that there surely are others who have walked the same road. I want to help! For now, I feel it is necessary to focus on the development of this most important direction of my reality. In time I wish to add my voice to our community and offer supportive assistance where possible. There is so much to learn and so much to share! If there is anything from my present perspective that I might share with those who still struggle in their identity and/or are like myself, it would be this:

I have always known that I was different. My emotional sensitivity, feminine tenderness and compassion ran far deeper than the superficial mis-conceptions of my need to crossdress. When I found I could not suppress the desire to affirm my softer side, I turned to the mind-numbing escape of drugs and alcohol. I created an exaggerated masculine image, hard-edged and antisocial Then I began to seek the ultimate escape. I tremble when I think of how close I came to denying this wonderful sense of rightness. How lost I was in loneliness and despair, until acceptance provided the answers to my self-denial.

ROBYNN M. LAYNE

A TRANSSEXUALS STRUGGLE FOR SELF-ACCEPTANCE

There is a part of my life I wish to share with your readers.

Why am I so different? This is a question I have been grappling with all my life but now feel I must answer with total honesty, so I can accept myself for who I am and make some soul-searching deci-

sions that obviously will have great impact not only with respect to my life but with all who know and love me. I have lead a rather secretive existence, for many years, trying to live a so called "normal" life and suppressing desires that I truly believe I was predisposed to at a very early age. It isn't easy for me to openly admit and share my secret with others, since I have been living in the closet all my life but I feel it is necessary that I do so. I have struggled with my sexual identity since the tender age of four years old, and realized I was different from most kids growing up. It was at that age I found myself drawn to girl's clothing. I enjoyed the feel and look of wearing dresses and felt that I was more like a girl. I remember sneaking into my younger sister's closet and trying on her clothes whenever I could, and I felt quite content dressed this way. I never told anyone about this growing up and I did it quite often, never getting caught. As time went by and I started school, I found myself in a situation I did not like nor could I understand. I despised going to school because I felt, at that early age, I did not fit in. Though I identified more with the girls, I had to struggle as a disillusioned boy and try as best I could to be a part of that world. I did make friends, but I felt scared and alone and had no one to turn to. It was not easy for me. I was lucky, in the sense, that I was pretty good in sports, so I had been accepted by other boys. I played little league baseball and was a "star" on the team, winning several trophies for team and individual achievements. But, I still found myself drawn to girls clothing and I continued to secretly cross dress. During my early school years, I felt very envious of the girls in my classes and fantasized about being a part of their world. I was a very shy boy growing up and to this day I struggle with my shyness and my sexual identity. I was closer to my mother growing up, but I could not bring myself to share my true feelings with her. Though I felt more comfortable with my feminine side, I felt sad that I could not express it openly. My teenage years were filled with frustration, anger, hurt and self-pity, because I knew I was very different and felt trapped and all alone. I contemplated suicide several times, due to my gender dysphoria, desperately seeking answers. I continued my crossdressing activities in private, which provided temporary relief but was not enough. At the age of fifteen I realized I was a transsexual, after reading much publicized stories of the famed doctor and professional tennis player Renee Richards. I was not surprised, but I was concerned about how this would affect my family. As a result of guilt, I tried to suppress these feelings and vowed I would never cross dress again. I was successful for a year, then lapsed back into this activity. I started working part-time, while in high school, and saving my money to buy dresses. I enjoyed going to the mall and heading to the junior's department of the major retail stores where I bought my favorite type of feminine clothing. Though, I was shy, I never had a problem buying girl's clothes. However, I did feel out of place waiting in lines and a bit self-conscious. In high school, I was a loner but I did maintain good grades and was a member of the cross -country and track teams. I crossdressed on and off in private during my junior and senior years and tried again to stop my crossdressing activities with episodes of purging. I eventually realized this was to no avail, since I would repeat the cycle of buying more dresses. After graduating from high school I went to college, where I maintained my quiet ways and continued my crossdressing activities in private. I was not much for dating and found myself more attracted to how girls presented themselves and the clothes they wore . I never confided my secret to anyone at this stage and quietly went about my school work. I worked hard in college and achieved my degree and started full-time employment. I thought, with the start of a career, I would manage to put my past behind me, but I still found that my need to crossdress and present a feminine image in private was necessary to maintain inner happiness. I even wore feminine clothing underneath my business suits at work from time to time. I am currently in between jobs and am now trying to get my life in order. In addition to seeking a new job I am now seeking therapy to help me deal with my transsexualism. I realize I am a true transsexual, according to the Harry Benjamin scale, and feel it is necessary for me to be honest with my feelings and seek the right path. Hopefully therapy will be effective in helping me deal with this dilemma. Since I feel like a young female seeking to blossom, trapped inside a young man's body, I am trying to gain the insight necessary to survive and be happy. I do feel better now that I have revealed something I knew about myself since a small child. I have finally admitted my true feelings to my immediate family and they are supportive of me and back me with whatever decision I decide to follow through on. My love and understanding to all who are in a similar situation.

A READER

DEPARTMENT STORE OUTRAGE -- IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU

"Come out of there!" a voice shouted angrily. I was in my own separate changing room at a local woman's clothing store, when someone rapped loudly on my door and ordered me to come out. I was putting on a store dress, and I was completely undressed except for my bra, hose, and underwear, and I had taken my wig off. The voice shouted again, "Come out of there now!" The person ordering me out did not identify themselves, and there was a threat that something would occur if I did not comply. The words were accompanied by another pounding on the door. I was scared, I started sweating, and I struggled to put on my dress and wig and exit the changing room as requested, and this is how my ordeal began. Crossroads, my local crossdressing club was having our monthly meeting on Saturday July 10, 1993 in a nearby hotel, when my girlfriend and I decided to go to a local mall and do some shopping. Crossroads is a support group and social organization for crossdressers in Southeast Michigan. Our meeting that month was at the Comfort Inn in Livonia, a suburb of Detroit. My girlfriend and I left the meeting and drove a short distance to the Wonderland Shopping Mall. My girlfriend waited in the car and I went inside to shop. Shopping crossdressed is

something that I have done frequently for some time before this event occurred. I have shopped crossdressed everywhere – malls, stores, hotels, and, restaurants all across the country. Although I am not completely passable, I am comfortable in my femme persona, and I always dress conservatively and behave appropriately. On that day, I browsed in two or three stores within the Wonderland Mall before I entered this particular woman's shop. While inside, I spent ten minutes browsing, then I found something I liked and I asked a clerk if I could use the changing room. I identified myself as a crossdresser to the clerk and she escorted me to a door that leads to the changing rooms, which can only be opened with a key possessed by a store employee. The clerk was very polite and friendly, and she opened the door for me and I went inside to my own separate changing room. I tried on some items and came back out, and I spoke to a clerk about one of the items, and proceeded to browse within the store some more. Once again, I found a couple of items that I wanted to try on. I again identified myself as a crossdresser to a second clerk, and she escorted me to the changing rooms and allowed me to enter exactly as the first clerk had done, and that is when it started. Upon being ordered out of the changing room, I exited as instructed and I saw three or four uniformed men watching me from behind various places. There was one police officer and several mall security guards. I believe that the officer had his gun drawn, although I am not quite certain. Nevertheless, they reminded me of a SWAT team waiting for an armed attacker to rush out.

The person who ordered me out of the changing room was the Livonia police officer. He began interrogating me, and he removed his handcuffs and opened them up. He was very rude. Meanwhile, a woman holding a child by the hand looking distraught rushed out of the changing room next to mine. The officer ordered me out of the changing room area to a spot that was visible to everyone in the store. The officer, in front of many onlookers, put on plastic gloves and then searched my purse. He found my driver's license and made a point of stating my name loudly so that everyone in the store could hear. He interro-gated me in front of customers, mall security, and the woman's shop employees asking many questions such as, "Why are you dressed this way?" He wanted to know if I had any male clothes with me because he wanted me to leave dressed as a man. I did not, so he ordered me back into the changing room to take off the store dress and to put on my own dress. He stated that I was taking too long to change my clothes. He then ordered me to follow him and he escorted me out of the store and a security guard ordered me to leave the mail.

It follows that I was quite shaken by the whole event. It was amazing what an impact something such as this can have on someone psychologically. To this day, when I am shopping in a mall, even if I am not Cross-dressed, if I see police or security guards, I sometimes feel panicky and I get a sinking feeling in my stomach. I am fairly open about my crossdressing, so I was not intimidated by any type of exposure that I might receive if I decided to seek an apology from the woman's shop or pursue litigation.I was inspired to pursue legal justice by the spirited activism of Phyllis Randolph Frye, an attorney and coordinator of transgender legal rights. I was a participant in her first Annual Transgender Law Conference, where I was impressed with her openness and dedication to gender rights. She gave an impressive speech in which she encouraged Cross-dressers to be more open about who they are. She explained how she went through a grueling process getting an anti-crossdressing law expunged in Houston, Texas. I was aware that law-suits can be lengthy, unrewarding, and exasper-ating. Nevertheless, I am in my mid-twenties, I know that I want to be a leader and benefactor in the transgender community, so I felt that now was good time to embark on something that will hopefully become a milestone, or at least a footnote, in cross-dressing history, and give me something to talk about for years to come.]I proceeded to try contacting some local attorneys where I lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan to see if they would be willing to take the case. I was quite lucky because nearly every attorney that I spoke to, whether they were familiar with crossdressing or not, sympathized with me and felt that I was wronged. Moreover, I knew two transgendered attorneys who were willing to at least write an initial letter to the woman's shop without filing a complaint. I was eventually referred to two attorneys in Ann Arbor who were experienced in fighting discrimination cases who wanted to take the case Jonathan Rose and Jonathan Weber were sympathetic to my cause, and they were active in championing Civil Rights previously.

We started by first writing to the woman's shop stating that my rights were violated, and that I seek an apology and appropriate compensation for the humiliation that I endured. I also stated that I wanted my position and others like me to be appreciated and understood by those at the woman's shop. This letter resulted in some heated verbal exchanges between the woman's shop and my attorneys. The woman's shop offered a settlement of $200. Jonathan Weber stood his ground and informed the woman's shop that their actions constituted false imprisonment, false arrest, and slander. Their offer was not an agreeable sum so, Weber and Rose filed the case with the Circuit Court.The woman's shop then submitted a large number of interrogatories for me to complete and return to them. This was a list of questions and demands pertaining to my case and my personal life. I have spent a great deal of time listing past doctors, past places of residence, and the like. Jonathan Weber also submitted the opposing attorney with interrogatories to fill out, which he did, but very badly. The woman's shop followed this up by sending subpoenas to my past doctors demanding my medical records. None of my therapists complied because the court order was signed by their attorney, Martin Waldman, and it was not signed by a judge. I did not mind if my records were released, but my attorneys felt it was improper for them

to do that. In any event, it never proceeded any farther because the case was finally settled. A deposition was scheduled on January 6, 1995 and the woman's shop made an offer of $1000. An hour before the deposition was scheduled to begin, we decided to accept the offer, though we could have held out for more.This was not the end, however, because the woman's shop continued to delay my receiving my settlement. Finally, on June 9th 1995, I received a check and it was finally over -- almost two years after the original incident. This was a small victory for the transgendered community and for the right for free gender expression. The money was not important. What was important was having my position and the position of others like me understood. I would like to thank everyone who showed me support and helped me in the fight for gender rights.

KRISTINA LATHAM, YPSILANTI

BUILDING BRIDGES WITH THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCHLY

I was born male, so to speak, in St. John, N.B., Canada, and was raised in the State of Maine. I am an adopted child. This shows much courage on the part of my adoptive parents as I was sexually ambiguous, even at birth. Raised as a male, I disagreed – what can I say?

I became a "good girl" by trying to be a boy. I thought maybe it was me that was crazy and the world was right. I tried to please the important authorities in my life. I became an ordained clergyperson (everyone thought "clergyman") in 1974 in the United Church of Christ, and have served a number of rural and multiple-point charges and one small church in the city of Buffalo, NY. I am presently working as a psychiatric nurse (not open about my TS status, as it has not yet been relevant to anyone) and hope eventually to blend my nursing (recent BSN-1991) with my ministerial skills. I hope to do "clergynursing" in the HIV+/AIDS community, but we shall see what happens.

I am presently living in New Jersey and have a Holy Union (MCC) marriage (not recognized by law) with a pre-op F-to-M transsexual. He is a good man and I have a good life with him.

Very recently, I attended a clergy conference in Maryland for the Central Atlantic Conference of my denomination (I have been ordained in the United Church of Christ since 1974). For the first time, I was going to speak publicly as a "resource transsexual." I'm one of those people who doesn't really think of herself first as a transsexual, and I was a bit nervous about exposing myself --"coming out" in a sense.The topic of the retreat was sexuality, however, and I wished to raise clergy consciousness on sexual identity issues. So often, clergy concentrate on sexual misconduct issues, with occasional forays into role issues and the rare stab at lesbian/gay issues (hardly ever dealing with bisexual issues). I have never heard of such a conference dealing with the sexual identity issues before. I intended to correct that in, at least, this one retreat in the United Church of Christ.

The event was wonderful for me and I felt a great deal of support and acceptance, particularly among the other women there! I know several people there were dealing with what one clergyman put as "visceral reactions" to me. Nonetheless, these people mostly seemed to have no problem relating with me, celebrating our common faith together and simply having fun together. Once again, I discovered the intangible truth that my own self-acceptance and self-affirmation has a lot to do with other people's acceptance and level of comfort with me.

The great religious argument against what I was thinking of doing, pre-surgery, is that I had one sort of body and I was thinking of doing what I could to change this. Was I fighting God's will? Did God want me to exist in my unchanged birth body?I recall clearly a family in my student parish (Springfield, Maine) who were very deaf because they were born that way and their parents felt that God must have intended the defect! Thus, they didn't get early care. Not the same situation as my own, but it gave me pause.The first Creation Story in Genesis states that God created them male and female. This is liberating for many, as God's image obviously contains both male and female. For me, however, it was the passage involving the images of clay and God's breath that inspired me.The first human body was shaped in clay. It happens to be Adam but the point is the same for Eve, whose form is drawn from this source in the story. After the body is shaped, God breathes upon it, this is the moment when matter and Holy Spirit unite to form "a living soul."

My thought was: the clay is shaped by God's hands but the breath is a part of God Himself. In fact, it is pneuma and stands for the Holy Spirit. If there is, in fact, a dissonance in a person between body and spirit, where is the greater obedience to God? Should one obey the clay or respond to the shaping and cry of the very living presence and part of God (the breath, the spirit) which informs us, male and female from within?

For me, to be a woman is obedience to God. It is liberation, emergence, and affirmation. It is joy! My journey is as true for my F-to-M brothers, for whom to be a man is authentic response to the holy breath within!

REV. S.L. STEWART

(For more on this subject, see our special Religion and the Transgendered section. -Ed.)

REJECTION

I want to address a problem area that I think everyone in the transgender community should be concerned about. In my view, the heterosexual crossdressers whose wives have rejected them are the "odd girls out." I believe a lot of men stay in unhappy marriages with unaccepting wives for many reasons; the sake of the kids and a belief in the sanctity of the family; residual love for the spouse even if she is rejecting; and fear of a vindictive and hateful divorce. You may agree or disagree, but all of the above are my reasons. In closing, let me say that an informal mental check-off of the crossdressers I know who are married tells me that the statistics are against full acceptance by the wife. Many women hate crossdressing with a burning, intense

loathing which if it calms down for awhile, almost inevitably resurfaces. I wish more of us would be cautious about outing ourselves to our wives. Seven years after telling my wife, "Honey, there's somethin I want to talk about..." I have nothing but regret over it. Even the short 1-2 year period of relative acceptance hardly seems worth it compared to the Sword of Damacles currently held over my head.

ANONYMOUS

A FORTUNATE, MARRIED CROSSDRESSER

I have so much to say, I hardly know where to begin. I am somehow blessed with a wife that is beyond accepting. She is supportive and even encouraging. We have recently joined TRI-ESS as well as Sigma-Rho-Gamma, a local chapter. My wife and I wish to become involved, a part of the mechanics. We both understand that it is far healthier to become a part of the driving force rather than to be among the helpless result. We want to be active participants rather than sideline observers. I am convinced that the tendency or at least the desire to cross dress, is many times more common than the most, liberal statistics I have read. While enfemme, I have had far too many straight men whisper to me they have thought about it and wish they had the opportunity and courage to act on it as I have for about 36 years. I truly believe the crossdressers we are aware of are just the tip of the iceberg, and that it is an enormous iceberg. I am also convinced that the exaggerated macho appearance and behavior on the part of many men is an overcompensated attempt to deny and to suppress feminine characteristics that are a part of all people. When confronted with one of us, they experience a wide range of emotions, confusion, curiosity, betrayal, and resentment. Since I felt the same way about myself for thirty-four years, I can certainly empathize with their attitude. Unlike most of society, I have become most comfortable with cross dressing. However, unlike most of society, I was highly motivated to get comfortable with it and therein lies, I feel, our greatest obstacle. I am not suggesting that all men have a secret desire to wear dresses. I am suggesting that all men possess, within the repertoire of their personality, some feminine characteristics and that they fear what it might mean or lead to. My missions in life is to help others understand that who each of us truly are, as opposed to how we behave and present ourselves, is more often than not inconsistent and detrimental to our growth as individuals, as well as our ability to contribute to the lives of others. As a crossdresser, I wish to assist anyone interested in expressing their feminine self. I hope to assist in getting the word out to others struggling with this issue that they should come into the fold. Years ago, I was confused and disgusted with my crossdressing. Today, I am at peace and comfortable with it. If I am allowed the opportunity to assist, just one person with that same evolution, I will feel contributive. In my case, you of the IFGE can feel most contributive. About, two years ago I watched a talk show on crossdressing which included the address to the IFGE; I contacted your organization, was promptly responded to and subsequently ordered material on the subject of crossdressing. I read and reread everything, prior to sharing my secret self with my fiancee.

Upon my proclamation to her she was understandably upset and confused. After reading your material and a great deal of conversation, as well as our subsequent connection withSigma-Rho-Gamma, my wife has come to assist, advise, encourage and enjoy the female side of who I am. We have developed into far more than man and wife. We are truly, in so many ways, the very best of friends.

I cannot, express to you the depth of my thanks to the IFGE. Had I not seen the talk show and contacted the IFGE, I never would have had the benefit of all the literature that has helped me, and I never would have connected with TRI-ESS and Sigma-Rho-Gamma. I do not believe I would have been able to adequately inform my wife to as to the facts of crossdressing, and without that knowledge, I know our relationship would not have survived, and she agrees. We owe you everything and wanted to express our heartfelt thanks. As soon as we are able, we intend to begin regular donations to your wonderful organization. Sincerely,

SAMANTHA COLE

A CORRECTION GLADLY MADE

In reference to my "cover article" in the last issue. Circumstances forced me to write that article so quickly, I inadvertently ommitted Roz Blumenstein's name. I really should not have done that, because she was SO very instrumental in making the Health Empowerment Conference the huge success that it was. Please print this short acknowledgement in the next issue, if it is at all possible.

LYNN E. WALKER
VP, GREATER NY GENDER ALLIANCE

TWO MORE AUTHORS TENDER APOLOGIES

In our article, "The Night of 1000 Gowns", we inadvertently omitted mentioning that the "Imperial Queens of New York" , a group separate and distinct from the Imperial Court, is a member of the Greater New York Gender Alliance. We apologize for our oversight.

CAROL AND BABS

A MATTER OF TRUST

I received my first copy of *Tapestry* this past week and wish to compliment you on a fine publication. There is a wide assortment of pertinent information written by professionals in their field, which is of enormous help to people who don't know where or to whom to seek help. Being a 10 year post OP TS (November 15, 1983) I can understand and empathize with those who are struggling with their problems. I suffered for twenty-five years not knowing that help was available. But how can you find help if you can't trust anyone? People can't read your mind, and if they could, they would offer you the kind of help which is best for them! The psychiatrist who worked with me said that I

was a miracle and how I got to the correct place with the right people was beyond his imagination. I read all the time. When I thought I had the answers, I read some more. I credit Lee G. Brewster with really getting me started. His magazine really started my head going. Then it was a chain reaction. An article in "Ann Landers Column" put me in touch with the Janus Information Facility at the University of Texas at Galveston, who in turn put me in touch with Dr. Jack Berger (psychiatrist) who took over all operations from there. He referred me for treatment at the University of Chicago and finally Dr. Stanley Biber (surgeon) at Mt. San Rafael Hospital in Trinadad, CO. I sincerely love and will always remember all of the people who helped me along the road. Before them it was truly lonely. Dr. "Stanley" Biber is a genius as well as an angel. He gets my highest respect. I hope to be able to attend the "Southern Comfort" Conference in Atlanta, GA and celebrate my 10th "birthday" by seeing him face to face again.

J. KUZMICKUS, ILLINOIS

TAPESTRY *TOO DULL?*

While I still support *Tapestry*, I confess to finding it dull. Its tone is that of a scientific publication. If *Tapestry*'s view of the world of dressing was all that someone knew of our community, they would think all we did was endlessly debate definitions and never have any fun.

K. GOLDMAN

(Stay with us until next issue, when Tapestry Journal *begins to undergo a facelift, inside and out. Maybe you'll find what's coming a bit more exciting. Ed.)*

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We received a number of letters by and about (and by) Phaedra Kelly and the legitimacy, or lack there of, of a number of European and Eastern European transgender organizations. The most intelligent and well written of these was from Marisa Richmond, Ph. D. However, all were of article-length, and unedited would have consumed more than sixty percent of the space available in "Mailbag". Since it is impossible for us, at such distant remove from the actual scene of events, to ascertain just exactly where the fire (if any) lies underneath all this smoke, and since Tapestry is unable to provide three and four pages so that one aggrieved individual can reply to another, we are calling a halt to publication of this series of epistolary salvos. In the future, letters accepted for publication must be held to five hundred words or less and typed on a pica typeface (or twelve point Courier or its equivalent), with a fresh black ribbon or on a near-letter quality printer (or better). As it is, our long-suffering editors are going blind attempting to read those typed with faded ribbons, on colored paper, in microelete type.

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Have Bikini, Will Travel
An American CD in London etc.

by Jane Fee

Star Tribune, Minneapolis, Help Wanted ad, July 15, 1989: "Traveling receptionist, good pay and benefits, call 123-4567." I was intrigued and had to call to find out what it was all about. When I called about the position and qualifcations, the response was, "The qualifications are simple, you must be able to travel and be receptive, and the position is whatever I desire." It would be an even better story if that was really how I got started traveling. But sometimes I think I was born traveling, it is so ingrained in my blood.

> *"Qualifications are simple, you must be able to travel. . . sometimes I think I was born traveling"*

I was born in Baltimore and grew up in Washington and Philadelphia. I traveled extensively the coastal states between Boston and Norfolk with my family and made my first trip alone on a train when I was 12. It was from Washington to Baltimore and back, as part of a trip with an aunt from Baltimore to the New York World's Fair in 1939. Travel was really different in those days. I can still remember the soot from the steam engine coming in through the open windows, on that hot summer day. Winter travel in the automobile was just the opposite, cold. On winter days, we would travel with a blanket around our legs, and, if it was snowing, we would put candles across the dashboard to defrost the windshield. The first car we had with a heater was a 1941 Dodge it was a gasoline heater installed.

I was lucky enough to get my first airplane ride in an Ercoupe when I was 13. My Sunday School teacher owned it and used it to bribe us to learn our Sunday School lessons. I knew then, that I had to learn how to fly. My uncle became incapacitated when I was 14 and I was allowed to learn to drive then, so I could take him and my aunt, who had previously gone blind, where they needed to go. When I was 16, during World War II, I was teaching people how to drive semi-trailer trucks to replace the drivers that had been drafted. I also started my flying lessons then and had soloed before I went in the Army. Being in the Army gave me really long legs, by way of an all expense paid trip all the way to Japan. Obviously, I've been hooked on travel since I was a kid.

All of that, and much more, was done by Jim with Jane hiding inside. From 1946 until I retired in 1989, I traveled extensively throughout the world and lived and worked all over the U. S. and Europe, logging over three million airline miles. I always stayed in good physical shape and people would sometimes ask me what I did for exercise. My standard answer was "I chase airplanes." Those of you that have traveled for business on hectic schedules will understand that running late for your next flight while carrying your bags through big terminals, will give you all the exercise you need. Most of the time I was carrying clothes for both Jane and Jim, so I could go out as Jane at night, if I didn't have a business engagement.

Going out dressed in the mid-fifties was a lot different from today, although I am certain a lot of people today are just as scared and

uncomfortable in the beginning as I was then. I finally developed a system of increasing my comfort in new unknown locations by getting up the nerve to call the police in whatever town I was in and telling them that I was a man, who goes out dressed as a woman at home, and wanted to know what local laws might affect me and where it was safe to go. They generally opened up and told me all I needed to know. For instance when I called the vice squad in Chicago, in 1959, they told me not to accept drinks from anyone because that would be considered as soliciting. I never was steered wrong and got a world of useful information. I haven't done that for a long time, but I bet it still works.

I didn't go out dressed overseas, until 1973, when I was living in Milan, Italy. It was pretty scary since I was living in a hotel where I went to dinner with business associates, and it was impossible, as a woman, to ride an elevator with a man without getting your butt pinched. Believe me, I know how most women feel under those circumstances. I managed to go to a few clubs and restaurants where I had no trouble and satisfied my need to be myself. Over a period of years I was able to go out in Frankfurt, Paris, Amsterdam, London, Acapulco and Tokyo. However, all of this was done within the country and not crossing any borders as Jane. Jane's real international travel began when there were no longer any of Jim's clothes on the trip.

There were three reasons why my first trip out of the country as Jane was to Acapulco, Mexico. First, I had a ticket that I had planned on using the previous year;second, I had been there before and felt that I could deal with most situations that might arise; and third, I could tie it in with attending the IFGE Convention in Houston, on the way back. It is definitely easier to go some place that you are familiar with, rather than go to a strange new area with customs and language that are unfamiliar. I had just returned from a week in Key West and only had three days to take care of my other obligations before taking off into the blue. As a result, I was rushed and up all night before my 6AM flight to Atlanta on my way to Acapulco.

Jennifer Brown was here that night and offered to go beyond the call of duty and drive me to the airport at 5AM. Naturally I made certain that I had all of the really important things like tickets, credit cards, money and bikini safe and ready. We departed on time for the airport and when we were almost there I discovered that I had left my passport, birth certificate, social security card, and voters registration at home. I had no way to prove my citizenship and it was too late to go back home and get back in time for the only Delta flight to Acapulco that day. It was a free first class ticket, and the reservations had been made months in advance to get the flights and seats.

The only thing that I could do was to continue and face the challenge of convincing the airline that they should let me fly out of the country

without a passport or proof of citizenship, get through Mexican immigrations, and then get back in through US immigrations. I don't advise anyone else to try the things I have gotten away with. I managed to convince Delta to let me go.

While changing planes in Atlanta for a flight to Dallas, I went to the ladies room in the Crown Room to use a curling brush on my hair since I did not have time to fix it before leaving. While doing this, I thought I spotted someone I knew in the mirror walking by me. I couldn't turn in time to check and looked for her to come out again. Sure enough when she walked by, she was the girl I lived with in Greenville, SC, for four years. I didn't want to speak to her there in case she were to blurt out "Jim", in a crowded ladies room.

I unplugged the brush and ran it under the cold water to cool it before putting it in my bag. I took a minute to do this and then walked around the club to find her. She was not there. I hurried out into the concourse, but could not find her before my flight left. What a missed opportunity.

When I arrived in Dallas, I was able to continue on to Acapulco by signing a statement certifying that I was a US citizen. On the flight we filled out the visa requests for Mexican immigration. I checked the various lines at Acapulco and selected the one that had the highest ranking official. What do you know, no problem, no questions, no customs check. I had made it there and could relax until it was time to reverse the procedures.

I received my next special treatment when I went to get the van to the hotel. I was already seated when the starter came over and asked me to get out and into another one. It turned out to be a limousine with a couple of their drivers that were getting off work and going into town to turn it over to someone else. They filled me in with some good information.

Jane Fee-Role Model for All Who Believe in Honesty and Integrity

"HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME!" EXCLAIMS THIS ISSUES' COVER GIRL, Jane Fee, chair of IFGE's 10th Anniversary Celebration Convention, Minnesota Pride '96. There could not be a better city than Minneapolis to hold our convention, nor a better person to organize the party.

Minnesota is the *only* State in the Union that explicitly includes Transgendered people in the State Law prohibiting discrimination against Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) citizens. That language exists in the legislation, due in no small part to the direct efforts of Jane. The Twin Cities GLBT community is so together that, even with the Mayor of St. Paul refusing to sign the annual Gay Pride Proclamation, because it includes Bisexual and Transgendered individuals, the Pride Committee has refused to compromise on one word. Jane organized a demonstration on the steps of City Hall publicly denouncing the Mayor, after her own direct efforts in negotiations proved fruitless. The St. Paul Mayor did not sign the proclamation in '94 or '95, despite the fact that the City Council publicly endorses the proclamation and the Minneapolis Mayor leads the annual Pride Parade. After two years of frustration, Jane is now party to a discrimination complaint, filed against the Mayor with the Human Rights Commission.

More easily recognized around the Twin Cities than the Governor of the State, Kirby Puckett or the recording artist formerly known as Prince, Jane was a highly visible, key player in "It's Time, Minnesota", the organization that drove the State's anti-discrimination legislation. Minnesota's Civil Rights Law and Annual Pride Program are viewed as models by activists throughout the Country. Ms. Fee is also a member of the Board of Directors of the MN. DFL (Democratic Party) Gay and Lesbian Caucus, co-founder of "It's Time, America", our National lobbying effort attempting to influence the US Congress, a leader in the Rainbow Forum, a St. Paul grassroots GLBT organization, and an active (read visible) member of her Episcopal Church. When there are quiet moments in her life, the air is filled with the sound of soft jazz, and she can actually entertain herself with her coin collection.

Jane has been working politically for personal freedoms, for over twenty years, long before we were even a "community". She grew up mostly in the Mid-Atlantic region, where she was raised by an Aunt after both of her parents died while she was very young. One of the more interesting stories I heard concerned Jane (then "Jim") and her aunt's live-in housekeeper. Jim was in his early teens, entering the raging hormone phase, when the housekeeper discovered the young master's attachment to feminine attire. The rest of the tale reads right out of a soft porn novel, with our star losing his virginity in full drag. Hard to believe, but compared to later documented Jane adventures, this tale is among the most tame.

She entered the Army and served with distinction for 28 years. The Army kept her on the move, including a stint in Japan, following V-J

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Day. While working in the private sector, she lived in DC, Chicago, San Francisco, Houston, Philadelphia and Boston prior to moving to Minnesota. She became a pilot and flew corporate jets, for a brief period. Army and business demands encouraged "Jim" to learn to handle weapons, try a little sky diving, sail boats, play competitive golf, and to drink with "the boys". She mastered all these skills with typical Fee gusto. Retiring after a successful career as a Sales and Marketing executive in the industrial electronics industry, Jane transitioned fulltime and has devoted her energies to making our world a better place.

Married twice, Jim has three surviving children (one son died of AIDS), with sons in Florida and Minnesota and a daughter in Connecticut. There are a total of nine grandchildren. In between the first and second spouse, our friend decided to go through a stereotypical mid-life crisis, dating some 50 people in less than a years' time! If anyone survived the first date, the second evening was predicated upon informing the partner of Jane's true nature. Almost all those offered the opportunity were eager for the next encounter. At this point in her life, Jane reports to be a far more responsible, devoted Lesbian, but should Mr. Right appear, who knows what might happen!

In her spare time, (what spare time?), she travels and travels. From Europe to the Middle East, to Key West to Hawaii to Bangkok: have bikini will travel! She has greeted the King of Thailand, walked the Halls of Congress, visited the Holy Lands with a (married!) member of her Church, snorkeled and scuba dived the Atlantic and the Pacific. Jane has logged well over three million air miles and thinks nothing of jumping in her car for a thousand mile sojourn, often cruising at over 80 mph. Her cross-country jaunts also include visits with children. grandchildren, friends and relatives everywhere. Despite her ability to "pass", she never wants to miss an opportunity to educate the public and reveals her true gender to acquaintances. She is known to "rely on the kindness of strangers" from Bangor to Boulder.

Despite her love of warm weather and frequent glowing tan, she has lived in the Great White North for 18 years. Jane has been very involved with the local transgender social club: CLCC, where she has held the positions of President, Treasurer, and Board Member. She wrote a flowing column entitled, "Jane's Period" for the Club's monthly newsletter for three years, reporting on various trips, experiences and encounters. CLCC has a very active public outreach program, with Jane appearing in front of countless College and University classes, community groups, church organizations, professional associations and law enforcement agencies. She has been active in IFGE, having previously served as the Marketing Director, participated in numerous Fantasia Fairs and in many other "gender" community events. Jane's connection to IFGE ultimately goes back to Jay Cherrystone's where she first met and became friends with Merissa Sherrill Lynn. Respected and admired by most everyone, Jane was recently honored by the Transgender Law Conference, bestowing on her the Pioneer Award for distinguished service advancing the legal rights of our community.

One of my favorite stories concerns the time when Jim was contacted by his former Boy Scout Troop (no, Major James Fee, Ret. was not an eagle scout). The troop was celebrating it's 75th anniversary and was writing to former members, inviting them to the reunion and selling

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It was sunny, humid and 90+ every day. I must have walked fifty miles while I was there. I went diving one day in an area that varied from fifteen to seventy feet. The coral was sparse and not as interesting as Key West. I went alone with the divemaster and the boat and equipment rental only cost forty dollars for two dives. The water was quite warm, relatively calm, and clearer than I had expected. I spent time every day at the hotel pool or on the beach. One big difference from the last time I was there was the great fact that they no longer allow the peddlers on the beach.

I ran into very few Americans that week. I talked to quite a few Canadians and Mexicans. I was invited to dinner by a Mexican artist from Mexico City who wanted to paint my portrait the next time I was in Mexico City. I also had some drinks and snacks with a Mexican Tourist Agent and a jewelry store owner. Happy hour at the clubs and bars provided 3 for 1 drinks and hors d'oeuvres. There are three clubs there with FI shows. I went to the one that was reputed to be the best. It was interesting, but way short of the best in the US.

It was finally time to leave and test out US immigration. The flight back was uneventful except for the usual disbelief when I engage the person next to me in conversation and then reveal myself. Back in Dallas, I again chose the immigration officer that seemed most senior. "Yes, I am a US citizen, No I do not have my passport, birth certificate, social security card, voters registration, or any thing else that proves my citizenship with me". He checks his computer and finds me in there, and that was that, no customs check or any questions. Some relief and somewhat of a let down. Have I really become that accepted?

My next overseas trip was to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Taiwan. I had put my unexpired passport in a safe place before my

last move and haven't seen it since. It was a really safe place! Time was running out to get my visas, and I decided that it might not be a bad idea to get a new passport anyway, in order to have my current picture on it instead a picture of a man in a suit. I had to be in Boston for a few days so I had my picture taken and went to the passport office, gave them my new photos, birth certificate, drivers license, and another photo ID and, no problem, I got it the next day.

My plans were to go to Bangkok, the island of Koh Samui, Chaing Mai, Chaing Rai, and Lampang in Thailand; Singapore; Penang, and Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia; Taipei and Yehliu in Taiwan. I was in a sweat over my passport and visa to Taiwan, since I still had not received it back from the Taiwan Agency in Chicago where I sent it. Phone calls assured me it was in the mail and I got it on Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday morning I left on a 8:30 flight. Things like that cause your pulse to quicken and your blood pressure to rise.

I took twenty-five lbs of clothing, shoes, toilet articles, light back pack, books, camera, and Walkman in a duffel bag with wheels. I wanted to be able to move quickly without bulk or weight and still have what I needed. I found that I took more clothes than I needed, they were all light wash and wear since the temperature was in the 70-100 range most of the time. If anyone needs expert assistance in preparing for a trip like this, call on me. I was gone for one month and went on a tourist tour only one day while away. The only reservations I had were my air travel there and back, still I managed to do most of the things I wanted to do and gain eight unwanted, but enjoyable, lbs and spent less than thirteen hundred dollars.

The flight went from Minneapolis to Salt Lake City, to Portland, to Seoul, to Taipei, to Bangkok. I arrived in Bangkok at 3AM, nearly three hours late, because of headwinds causing an unplanned fuel stop in Nagoya, Japan. I changed some cash and headed for the Taxi stand to take me to the Royal Hotel, which I had decided on during the flight. We negotiated a price and ended up at a different hotel that the driver tried to steer me to. I refused, insisting he take me where I wanted to go, and we finally ended up there. Since I arrived about 4:30AM, they actually let me stay the next night also for just one night's cost.

"Fighting through her her anxieties, she pushes forward. . . for acceptance, understanding, & equality"

The next day I went to the railroad station to buy a pass and found out that all the reserved seats and sleepers were sold out for the next month. I managed to get a sleeper and boat connection to take me to Koh Samui a day after I wanted to go. It was no use to buy a rail pass. I also explored some inexpensive hotels and guest houses near where I wanted to be and found a good one, the Pra Arthit Mansion, that was $22 a day. I went to a local beauty parlor and had my hair cut and styled and a manicure for three dollars and twenty cents, and was served a Pepsi and hand fed watermelon by the owner afterwards. While in Bangkok, I explored temples, palaces, stores, canals, museums, and local communities off the beaten track, using my feet, buses, boats and the infamous three wheeled taxis called Tuk-Tuks.

On the train to Koh Samui, I met two girls from Australia, and we ended up sharing whiskey, food, stories, and other amenities on the way. They thought it was a howl for me to travel the way I was. Next time I am in Australia, I have an invitation to stay with them. Koh Samui was a wonderful island and the boat trip took 2 1/2 hours. The transportation on the island was local buses (songthaew), small Isuza pickup trucks with a roof and bench seats down the sides. The most people jammed onto one with me was twenty-six adults and some baggage. It was a struggle to get up a hill with all that load. I found a nice resort, the Samui Cabanas in Hat Chaweng, with a cottage on the beach for $20/day and excellent food. The beaches were beautiful and the water was usually clear and unpolluted. I decided that in spite of a recent medical restriction on my diving, if I was going to die, the water was as good a place as any to do it.

I decided that, even though I could not get a train or bus to Singapore, I would at least go to Penang, Malaysia. In order to do it, I had to take a mini-bus with twelve people and it took nine hours, arriving in Georgetown at 8PM. I got a bed in the women's dormitory at the Youth Hostel in a room with twelve other women for $2/day. After checking in I went out to eat and to the local version of the Hard Rock Cafe and ran into a large group of American college students, off of a cruise ship in the harbor. After much beer and dancing, I returned to my dorm where I managed to shave at 2AM, while the other girls were asleep, since the wash basins were in the same room as the bunks. The next day I visited temples, a church, stores, mosques, and a fort where I sat on a cannon that is reputed to make you fertile. I finally decided that I would get an overnight bus from there to Singapore and worry about getting back to Bangkok, when I got there.

blocks of the hotel I selected, (as close as two taxi drivers could find.) I finally enlisted the aid of three young male students to carry my bag and get me to the Paradise Hotel, $23/day. While there, I managed to figure out enough of the bus and train schedules to take a day trip around the northern end of Taiwan and it probably took only two hours longer than a knowledgeable Chinese, to do what I did. I also spent a day at the incredible National Palace Museum and visited Chiang Kaishek Memorial Culture Center, where I ran into Dr Hope. He is a person with Aids who does a radio talk show with guests and call-in persons. I had my most expensive meal of the trip, at the American Legion Post in Taipei. It cost tenty-seven dollars for a small US steak dinner and a couple of Taiwan beers that come in 3/4 liter bottles.

There are just too many places I went and things I did, to begin to tell you about. Naturally a tall blond Caucasian stood out like a sore thumb everywhere I went. I won't even go into the proposal of marriage or the invitation to go home and meet mother. I traveled about twenty-five thousand miles, walked over a hundred, climbed thousands of steps, dove thirty-five feet in the Gulf of Thailand, ate everything in sight and don't know what half of it was (I do know it included fish heads and snake), drank everything except the tap water, and never got sick.

All in all I went through security checks, immigration and customs eleven times during my trip with no problem, except for when I went through customs in Portland returning. Since I was a single retired person that declared more than four hundred dollars of goods, they put me through a full search until they checked the contents of my wallet and found my military ID. The search ended at that point. I am sorry that I did not plan my trip for two months, instead of one.

Probably one of the most interesting places I have been was Israel. Somehow I never thought of it as being as mountainous as it is. It is incredible, when you stand at the Sea of Galilee, seven hundred feet below sea level and look up at Mt Hermon, nine thousand feet above sea level. I went on a military flight and discovered that one of the members of my church, who is also retired from the Army, was also going there. We spent most of the time together and shared some expenses. I told him his reputation was spoiled already, so he might as well relax and enjoy it. We hired an Arab taxi driver to take us to all of the religious sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Nazareth, and Tiberias. The old walled city of Jerusalem is an interesting mix of Arabs, Christians, and Jews and the different parts of the city that they occupy. Regardless of your religious beliefs, it can't help but affect you when see and touch places that Jesus saw and touched.

I could go on and talk about my good experiences visiting Canada, Iceland, England, France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Korea, and Japan. You may not be able to, or want to do the things I do. But remember if you aren't having fun, you are doing it wrong.

On this page: Jane with TS friends from Thailand

History's Greatest Sexual Masquerade

An Interview with Gary Kates, *Professor, Trinity University Author,* Monsieur d'Eon Is a Woman

Most members of the transgendered community first learned about the Chevalier d'Eon, the notorious eighteenth century diplomat, spy, fencer and transgenderist, from the biographical profile by historian Gary Kates in Body Guards: The Cultural Politics of Gender *(Julia Epstein and Kristina Straub eds.). Although professor Kates' article was the most definitive work yet written on the subject of the amazing Chevalier, its brief twenty or so pages could hardly encompass all the critical details of such a full, not to say extraordinary, life. Those whose appetites were whetted for more about the amazing d'Eon, dean (or duchess) of eighteenth century transgenderists, need wait no longer. Professor Kates has, at long last, finished his full-length biography of Charles-Geneviere-Louise-Auguste-Andre-Thimothee d'Eon (whose adventures in pre- and post-revolutionary France, Europe and the New World are as epic as his/her name). And the book is a doozy -- as enthrallingly written, and fascinating to read, as any novel and with enough colorful material, hairs-breath escapades and glamorous figures to populate a major motion picture (let's hope Hollywood is only half as discerning as it ought to be and that we will be fortunate enough to see the Chevalier's adventures brought to the silver screen in a major, period production). Meanwhile, the book is available through the IFGE (see ad elsewhere in this issue), and incoming editress-in-chief Jean Marie Stine has stolen a major coup for* Tapestry Journal *by tracking professor Kates down for an exclusive interview that ranges from his thoughts about this infamous eighteenth century transgenderist to his reactions to today's transgender community.*

GARY KATES is Chair and Professor of History at Trinity University in Texas. He is the author of The Cercle Social, the Girondins and the French Revolution, as well as Monsieur d'Eon Is A Woman.

"D'Eon became a woman because . . . womanhood would lead him to a more virtuous lifestyle"

MRS. COLE WAS THE FIRST to discover the truth. In 1810 the Chevaliere d'Eon and Mrs. Cole had been sharing a London apartment for about fourteen years. They were the same age, eighty-one, and both were quite frail. Like so many elderly spinsters and widows back then, and unfortunately today, they had little money, and lived just above poverty. They ate simple foods and guarded their pocketbooks carefully. Often they had to do without heat, so the two women often spent cold winter days in their separate beds, where they could stay warm beneath their quilts. During these difficult years, the Chevaliere d'Eon and Mrs. Cole had become close friends, taking care of each other as their health declined. And yet they were very different. D'Eon had been an intellectual, the author of more

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What led you to do a book about the Chevalier d'Eon?

GK: Before 1986 I had never heard of d'Eon. I discovered d'Eon while researching a book about Tom Paine and the French Revolution. It was only through researching that book that I learned of d'Eon. In 1792, when Paine went to a dinner party in France, he met d'Eon. I came upon d'Eon while reading about that dinner party. I knew when I did that I had something very unusual in my hands. If I didn't know about it, that meant many of my colleagues didn't know about it either.

It turned out that, although d'Eon has been known in many communities for ages and there's been over twenty biographies of d'Eon, no professional historian has ever done anything serious with the story and he's unknown to many scholars and historians. I think the reason is that for so long history was a conservative field and historians tended to work only on politics and states and revolutions. Gender issues, or transgender issues, were something they thought was beneath them. But in the last fifteen years, there has been some very exciting work done by historians in the field of gender history. So that, when I came upon d'Eon, I knew that it would be a prime subject for this new and growing field.

But actually even then, when I found out about d'Eon, it still took two years for me to decide what kind of book I would write. It wasn't until I discovered that d'Eon had more than two thousand pages of manuscripts he left unpublished, that no one in the twentieth century has ever looked at -- and only four or five people in the nineteenth century ever looked at -- and these manuscripts were an attempt by him to write an autobiography, to really explain himself.

When I first came upon these manuscripts, I had thought that they would probably be about diplomacy, since he was a statesman and a spy. But to my great delight, these manuscripts, almost obsessively are about gender and why d'Eon became a woman and what he found in womanhood that he did not find in manhood. In those manuscripts, I found a voice speaking to me that I had never heard before. It was when I heard that voice telling me new ideas that had never occurred to me, that I knew that the book had to be built around d'Eon's manuscripts. That's how I got the idea of structuring the book around those autobiographical ideas. Which is why the book doesn't start at the beginning of his life, but in the middle of his life, when he begins to tell his own story as a woman.

Did researching the history of the eighteenth century's most famous transgendered person effect your own thinking in any way?

GK: Let me answer that a couple of ways. First, as a historian with a Ph.D., I felt rather smugly that I'd been researching the eighteenth century for twenty years and I wasn't going to find anything more that was going to surprise me. I was just going to learn things I don't know. I don't know if you follow the distinction. There's always new things to research, but I didn't think I could be shocked with brand new ideas. If this subject has done nothing else, it's to show me that in the eighteenth century, like all centuries, there are dramatic novel voices that have been smothered out by succeeding generations that can still be discovered.

That's one thing. But the other thing is this voice in particular. I grew up a straight, conventional man in Los Angeles, California. I grew up with the same ideas that most men grew up with in my generation. Which is that being a man was not a choice but a kind of inevitable destiny. And if I had feelings of femininity, if I had feelings of womanness before d'Eon I would have thought there was something wrong with me. In other words, for a man to want to become a woman, for a man to want to change genders, I would have thought that I would have to have some psychological problem and I would have belonged on a psychiatric couch. What d'Eon taught me is that gender is fluid and malleable -- and just as a person has right to choose and think carefully and structure their own religious beliefs, their own nationality if they want to -- and other core things about their personality -- so d'Eon taught me that gender, partly at least, should be a matter of choice, something that one can think critically about. A person is not sick, a person doesn't necessarily have a problem, psychological or otherwise if they want to become a woman. In fact, they may be far more imaginative and creative and able to actualize the best part of themselves.

Those ideas, which are so obvious to your community, was something that this eighteenth century voice taught me. It changed the way I look upon gender and manhood and womanhood. This is all from my reading of these manuscripts which are two hundred years old. It wasn't until after I had finished my book when Linda and Cynthia Phillips, leaders in the transgender community, who had read an article I had about d'Eon in *Bodyguards* contacted me, that I realized I had been like an ostrich in the sand. I had kind of had blinders on to what was going on in the twentieth century, so I could see the eighteenth century more clearly. At this year's Texas T Party the Phillips introduced me to Virginia Prince and other pioneers in the transgender movement who are doing the same thing today that were done by d'Eon two hundred years ago. That has been a very exciting discovery.

What were some of the ideas in d'Eon's manuscripts that surprised you?

GK: The idea that most surprised me was that gender identity could be associated, not with biology or one's sexual equipment, but with moral sensibilities. So that one could see in womanhood or manhood an association of moral characteristics. D'Eon became a woman because he thought that the character of womanhood would lead him to a more virtuous lifestyle. He felt that there was a quality in the way that women related to each other that men didn't have, because the character of men was too egotistical and selfish. Now, in a way, I agree with him. There is a lot of me that says yes, women are less selfish and egotistical than men. At least the women that I know, that I relate to in my community. It had never occurred to me that I could relate to women by becoming like them, by becoming one of them.

Once you begin to entertaining ideas like that, you are never the same. They can lead to a whole world of new possibilities. And that's very exciting. It's exciting intellectually. It's exciting to find in European culture. It's like finding it in the backdoor, so to speak. It's exciting personally. It's something that all men and women can relate to. I think it removes any barrier between, say, transgendered people and others. People who are all transgendered to one degree or another. It's a whole spectrum. D'Eon's ideal is that all people need to entertain the notion of who much of the other gender they would like to incorporate into themselves.

The other thing that I really learned from my reading d'Eon's papers is that, if you read the older biographies of d'Eon, they describe him as a statesman and spy in the first half of his life, who then deceived Europe, pulled a kind of big practical joke, in the second half of her life. That is that, as a woman, she tricked Europe. And what I came to see, through reading d'Eon's own account, is that d'Eon felt that the experience d'Eon lived as a spy and diplomat was the deceitful part, that when d'Eon began to live as a woman, d'Eon was living honestly and sincerely. D'Eon was not passing with a mask as something false. That was the moment, at forty nine years old, when d'Eon became, for the first time in d'Eon's adult life, honest and sincere.

That's something that would have never occurred to me before. I think before I would have bought into this business of deceit and that people like d'Eon are not really appearing as who they are, that they are trying to pass as something they are not. D'Eon showed me that that was a trap. Now I realize that when a transgendered person is 'passing', that person is acting on the most sincere aspect of the self, not trying to deceive other people.

How would you relate this to the AmerIndian phenomenon of Berdache that has been written about so much in the last few years?

GK: At first, I thought they were related. Now I don't. It is almost impossible to talk about the Berdache without talking about sexual behavior. To be a berdache is to involve rules about having sex with particular kinds of people. In addition to a particular gender role, the berdache also have a specific sexual role that they perform in AmerIndian society. In the d'Eon story, we are talking purely about gender role or gender identity, as opposed to sexual orientation, sexual preference, any type of

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than fifteen published volumes, and countless unpublished manu-scripts. D'Eon had once owned a substantial private library and still loved to read and write the day away. Mrs. Cole, on the other hand, was illiterate, and if she was wise, it was the result not of any formal education, but rather of an instinctive deep religious faith. It was the Christian religion that cemented their friendship and formed the material of their more serious conversations. Years earlier neither Mrs. Cole nor the Chevaliere d'Eon had lived in such modest circumstances. Unlike d'Eon, who had never married, nor as far as anyone knew had ever even been romantically involved with anyone, Mrs. Cole had been for most of her adult life the wife of an important British naval officer, who had provided her with a comfortable life. Like the Chevaliere d'Eon, Mrs. Cole had presided over a household filled with servants, and had done little difficult housework herself. Perhaps she had lived too long, for these years in the little apartment had been especially hard. The long British struggle against Napoleon had caused food prices to rise dramatically, affecting the elderly even more than the rest of the population. But at least Mrs. Cole could take some solace in her friendship with her housemate. Now, however, that too was taken away from her. For weeks the Chevaliere had been very ill and death was expected at any time. On 4 March 1810, d'Eon had stumbled in the middle of the night and lay on the floor "as if dead" until found by Mrs. Cole the next morning. Father Elizie, a French Catholic priest living in London, was sent to administer last rites. D'Eon managed to cling to life until 21 May 1810, when Mrs. Cole found her housemate's
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dead body Alone in her apartment, Mrs. Cole began to prepare the corpse for presentation to visitors. She naturally wanted her late friend to lo Chevaliere had once been a famous personage, not only in England and France, but throughout Europe. Mrs. Cole, of course, knew by heart the famous details of d'Eon's life: that the Chevaliere had been born female but raised male by a father who had desperately wanted a son; that d'Eon had adjusted quite well to thè new gender role and became a military officer who served with distinction for France in the Seven Years' War (1756-1763); that d'Eon had become a diplomat and spy for King Louis XV; that during the 1770s, with the accession of Louis XVI. the Chevaliere's true sex was unfortunately discovered, and the now-famous d'Eon was forced to assume the appearance of womanhood. Since then, for the last thirty-two years, the Chevaliere had been living relatively quietly in retirement, at first in France, then in England after 1785. As Mrs. Cole started to change the Chevaliere's clothes and clean the body, she saw with her own eyes a sight that nearly startled the poor woman out of her wits: the Chevaliere d'Eon, her dear friend and housemate for well over a decade, had genitals that were unquestionably male. At first Mrs. Cole could not move. For several minutes she simply stood alone, stunned, unable to think clearly. After a while, she found the strength to leave the room and tell the news to some close mutual friends. They too were shocked, and advised her to return to her apartment with experts who could verify "so singular an occurrence." Mrs. Cole did just that. She brought together a diverse group of gentlemen, perhaps ten or twelve in all, including a professor of anatomy, two surgeons, a lawyer, and a journalist. Together, they performed "a complete inspection and dissection of the sexual parts" of d'Eon's body. Each of the physicians signed a detailed medical affidavit concluding that d'Eon had a male body, ordinary in every way from a scientific point of view. They went to great lengths to dispel any myths that d'Eon was a hermaphrodite. True, his facial hair was quite light, and his Adam's apple did not protrude. But the hips were narrow, the shoulders square. And far from having femalelike breasts, he exhibited a strong sternum. In every way, the experts concluded, d'Eon had the body of a man. A few days later, the following newspaper obituary appeared:

On Tuesday died in the 69th [actually the 82nd] year of his age, the Chevalier d'Eon; memorable as a political character, and charge des affaires in this country, from the Court of France, but more so on account of the questionable gender to which this extraordinary character naturally appertained. It will be in the recollection of many, that about 36 years ago policies were opened [bets were placed] to ascertain the sex of this extraordinary nondescript, to the amount of £200,000; which were eventually decided, and paid upon a surgical- ' certificate, after personal examination, that the reputed chevalier was a female. The French physician Perigles, however, who attended i' the chevalier in his last moments, and examined the body on its dissolution, now positively declares that it in reality proved to be the body of a male.

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sexual behavior. I think that is the most important distinction.

Do you feel the lack of sexual activity in d'Eon's life makes it easier to see clearly the gender aspect of his life?

GK: Yes. It does for me. I think it does because one does not have to deal with the question that absorbs us in the twentieth century, which is something like "was d'Eon gay or was he not?" That turns out to be an irrelevant question, a question that doesn't even matter, a question that if you even ask it, you are going go down the wrong path. Because that question is proper to ask about the Berdache, it gets us into the issue of sexual behavior, of sexual orientation and preference; and it starts leading us out of the d'Eon question which is one that is more purely about gender identity and gender behavior.

Dr. John Money and others have identified a number of "intersexual states" -- one of which is a genetic anomaly that causes men's bodies to produce bursts of extra estrogen, while there are some women whose bodies do the same with testosterone -- which to some degree is associated with boys who have more feminine interests

and girls who are more tomboyish. Do you think d'Eon's story relates to that phenomenon in any way? Or do you think his was a purely spiritual and intellectual decision?

GK: I don't think it was purely spiritual and intellectual. What I try to do in the book is show that there was a deep cultural context, a social context, for what d'Eon did. I'm a historian and certainly not a scientist. But it seems to me that the search for genetic or other biological determinates of intersexual behavior is misguided because what it does is to minimize the extent to which culture can liberate us. I guess what I am saying is that I am uninterested in the question. I think we don't necessarily have to address the question of biological determinates. I think, rather, that we can see that we live in a particular culture that will not let most men in this society ever consider what it is like to live as a woman. Whereas, in the late eighteenth century, the European aristocracy encouraged both men and women to think about what it was like to live in the opposite gender. The late eighteenth century valorized masculine women known as amazons; they valorized effeminate men. This is something our culture doesn't do at all. I think that these intersexual states, as they are called, would be seen as much more normal if we had a social and cultural context that was more like the late eighteenth century and less like the Victorian values that dominated the nineteenth century.

What I really tried to do in this book is to look at some of the issues that, traditionally have been in the arena of psychologists and psychiatrists like John Money and show that they have a cultural history. So we can see that the gender system of the late eighteenth century, at least for the upper classes, was much looser and had many more opportunities than the one that followed in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

You seem to feel that d'Eon's reasons for dressing as a woman were more philosophical than the result of what we might call today a "crossing compulsion." On what do you base that conclusion?

GK: Three things. One, D'Eon's writings about himself. Second, newspaper accounts of what D'Eon was doing. And third, letters among diplomats, that are currently in the foreign ministry archives in Paris. We have letters that go back to his early thirties. There isn't anything, ever, about d'Eon crossdressing or any hint before 1770 of anything that would lead to any suspicions about his gender identity.

We understand that you encountered members of the contemporary transgender community shortly after completing your book. What impressions did you carry away from that meeting?

GK: I had lunch with Virginia Prince and Kimberleigh Richards. It was just a wonderful experience. In many ways, meeting Virginia, I felt I was in the presence of d'Eon. That's not something a historian is supposed to say. My colleagues would say, "Oh, that's gibberish." But their characters were so similar, it was just scary. And I think Virginia sometimes feels that she is the twentieth century incarnation of d'Eon -- and she really has a right to, as far as I'm concerned.

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You Are The Teachers

by Kim E. Stuart

There are, of course, many ways to teach. Traditionally, this country has taken the approach of one teacher working with a large group of students and providing them with a lot of information. The hope is, that by providing students with exposure to a lot of information concerning a number of subjects, they will become knowledgeable. And this works, to a degree. Given enough information over a sustained period of time, students are going to absorb a modicum of knowledge.

I find some weaknesses in this system, however. Our goals seem minimal and our values askew. We are constantly tampering with the system because it does not seem to be meeting the needs of the business world. Unfortunately, those needs have become our educational goals. We are training children how to earn a living in a capitalistic economic system, but we pay little heed to teaching them how to live life with an integrated value system. Anyone who has paid any attention to the exposure of corruption in the business world and the political system is fully aware of the lack of moral values in many areas of this society.

All the information in the world is of little use unless we provide students with the one tool that allows them to sort out and evaluate information. If they lack this tool, it is difficult for them to evaluate information, form value systems, and live life in a meaningful manner. The tool I am speaking about is the ability to think. Only if we know how to think, do we know how to evaluate information and form value systems that meet our individual needs, and the needs of society.

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There are, of course, other methods of teaching. The Great Books program which was conceived at the University of Chicago was founded upon the belief that if students were exposed to all the great literature of the world, they would become knowledgeable. Zen masters believe that if they pose seemingly unsolvable problems to students, and the students meditate upon those conundrums long enough, they will achieve enlightenment. They call that enlightenment "satori."

Socrates had a quite different approach. He carried on a dialogue with students, and challenged them to learn by thinking through the questions he posed. He forced his students to defend their positions. And, of course, Aristotle brought us the concept and science of logical reasoning.

Rabbinical teaching, on the other hand, leads students to think logically in a somewhat more subtle and sometimes ironic manner. I have a favorite story about this kind of teaching. It's about a rabbi who went into a restaurant and ordered a bowl of soup. After the waiter had brought him the soup, he called the waiter over and asked, "Waiter, would you please taste this soup." The waiter looked at him with a puzzled look and asked, "Is there something the matter with the soup?" The rabbi replied, "Please taste the soup." The waiter responded, "Look, if there is something the matter with the soup,

> *"Only if we know how to think do we know how to evaluate"*

I'll get you another bowl, or whatever you like." Again the rabbi insisted, "Just please taste the soup." Exasperated, the waiter finally shrugged his shoulders, looked down at the table, and said, "Okay, where's the spoon?" At that, the rabbi looked at the waiter, raised his finger and exclaimed, "Ah ha!"

Not long ago, there was an interesting item in Herb Caen's column in the *San Francisco Chronicle* which he billed as "Unclear on the Concept." The item was about a man on the Donahue show who used to be a woman who said he was a gay man. I chuckled, and thought to myself that Herb Caen, and whoever sent him that item, were unclear on the concept, and he was passing his ignorance along to his readers.

At one time, I was rather naive and unclear on the concept. When I first started to conduct research for *The Uninvited Dilemma*, about 15 years ago, I interviewed someone whose name is familiar to some of you. Lou Sullivan helped turn on the light bulb in my mind. He helped me understand that relating to a man as a woman is quite different from relating to a man as a gay male. I came to know Lou after that interview, and we

worked together on some projects. When Lou published his guide for female-to-male transsexuals, he asked me to review it for him in the publication Ruppert Raj used to publish in Canada.

I remember that one evening Lou and I were talking on the phone, and he was describing to me his frustration with a local gender program. The coordinator would not approve him for surgery because she did not believe he was a legitimate female-to-male transsexual. Lou was gay. She did not believe there were any such individuals, although the surgeon has operated on many male-to-female transsexuals who openly proclaim themselves to be lesbians. I told him to forget that program and go get a surgeon I knew about in San Francisco who had performed a number of bilateral breast reductions for female-to-male transsexuals which were very effective, cosmetically. About a month later, I received a beautiful bouquet of flowers with a note. The note read: "Thanks for caring, Kim, I go to surgery today. Lou."

Lou Sullivan was one of the finest and most caring men I have ever known. He founded the FTM support group in San Francisco. He was the editor of the publication, *FTM*, and wrote extensively for the gay press in San Francisco.

It wasn't too many months after I went to a memorial service for Lou Sullivan that I attended a luncheon tribute for Paul Walker. As most of you probably know, Paul also died recently from AIDS-related causes.

What does all of this have to do with education or gender identity? It has to do with the fact that the word is just not getting out there. Even the transgendered community is unclear about the concept, in some instances. Some time ago, two issues of the newsletter *ETVC* generated attacks on transsexuals the likes of which I have not seen since Janice Raymond wrote *The Transsexual Empire*. I received about a half a dozen calls asking me what was going on over there, although I have no connection with ETVC. Fortunately, the ETVC membership finally woke up and got rid of that editor.

The public, ladies and gentlemen, is not hearing us. The only knowledge they have about transsexuality is through the daytime talk shows. And they are nothing more than television's version of the old fashioned freak shows. They entertain, but they do not educate or enlighten.

Some communities in the country have passed legislation protecting the rights of gays with respect to housing, the workplace, and parental rights. Are transsexuals included in these meager laws? You bet they're not.

Some states and some countries will not allow changes in birth records when transsexuals have gender reassignment surgery. If you were born in one of those states, or one of those countries, you are out of luck. Oh sure, you can obtain a marriage license and get married, but marital rights would not withstand legal challenges. No state in this country allows marriage between two persons of the same gender. If someone cannot get their birth certificate revised after gender reassignment, their subsequent marriage would be illegal, based upon the legal definition of marriage. That definition is: Marriage, as distinguished from the agreement to marry, and from the act of becoming married, is the civil status of one man and one woman united in law for the discharge to each other and the community of the duties legally incumbent on those whose association is founded on the distinction of sex.

Let's face it, transsexuals simply do not enjoy many of the civil rights most citizens take for granted.

Okay, we've identified a problem. So, what do we do about it? I realize the goal of most transsexuals is to blend into society, and live their lives like other men and women. This does create a problem, because most transsexuals do not want to risk exposing their past if they speak out publicly. They also lack the common bond that the homosexual community shares. The sexual preferences of transsexuals are as diverse as they are in the community at large.

Not long ago, I wrote an article for *Chrysalis Quarterly*, which is published by Dallas Denny in Decatur, Georgia, about transsexuals and civil rights. I said some of the same things in that article that I am talking about here. In that article, I told the story of how the law was changed in California so that pre-operative transsexuals could get new driver's licenses that reflected their cross living names and genders. This came about through the efforts of one person. Many of you know her, or about her—Sister Mary Elizabeth. At that time, she was the chairperson of the transsexual rights committee of the Southern California chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. She understood how the political system worked. She not only involved transsexuals but attorneys, politicians, and people from the medical and mental health professions as well. As I pointed out in that article, this is how change comes about in this country.

I understand that many transsexuals are not willing to risk such a high profile as Sister Mary Elizabeth did. But there are things all of you can do. You have the power of the ballot box to vote for representatives who are sympathetic to your causes. You can all sit down and write letters to representatives and other influencial political figures. You can all sit down today, or tomorrow, and write a letter to your representative stating that you have an interest in seeing legislation passed which will grant

transsexuals the same civil rights that other citizens enjoy. It might be for a relative, a friend, a significant other, and, let's get modern folks. Let's get with it. No more of this boy friend or girl friend, partner or significant other. You can raise the issue. You won't get much attention at first. But as you write more letters, and more and more people write letters and speak out, you will start being heard.

What else can you do? You can write the American Psychiatric Association and demand, as did the homosexual community, that they drop transsexuality from their *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual* which classifies transexuality as a psychiatric condition.

I think that one of the most important things any of us can do is to lobby the educational system to provide young children with accurate information with respect to sexual- and gender-related issues. There is a very powerful group of right-wing extremists out there who are spending their time, their energy and their money to see to it that children receive even less education about sexual and gender matters than the meager information they now receive. They don't want children to even hear about AIDS and other Sexually Ttransmetted Diseases, let alone how to protect themselves. I guess the theory is that the less knowledge their children have, the less likely they will become sexual human beings like themselves.

Ignorance is the most powerful tool at the disposal of bigots, Fascists and other totalitarians. Other than violent suppression, it is their only tool. If we take the tool of ignorance from these people, then others will have the freedom to make decisions based on the truth and the real morality. I want to leave you with that thought.

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Ripples: IFGE at the APA

by Judy Osborne

The question knocked my socks off: "A few of our kids awaiting puberty are clearly transgendered. Is anyone offering hormones to kids like that to keep their bodies from changing in unfortunate ways?" The psychiatrist asking the question directs a home for gay and lesbian youth in a large western city. The setting was the IFGE booth at the annual convention of the American Psychiatric Association, held this spring in Miami Beach, Florida.

I had understood we would be telling mental health professionals that we exist and have resources to offer, but nothing prepared me for the sophistication and sensitivity of a question like that. The questioner sought out our booth early on the first of four exhibit days. He cared about our people, had treated us, and wanted to become more effective. "Darn," I thought, "this is going to be fun!"

Judy Osborne has written previously for *Tapestry Journal* and was on the cover of issue #70 (above: The author with one of the other exhibitors.

And fun it was. The sisters and brothers who manned (and womanned) the booth during the three previous years had done their work well. Lots of psychiatrists, staff and other exhibitors knew of us and approached us in positive ways. Yvonne Cook-Riley was there for the fourth year in a row, while the rest of us were rookies. Maxwell Anderson and Robert Eads of The Eden Society in nearby Pompano Beach represented the F-M side of our story. We all liked each other and had an effective, if somewhat slim, team. Sheila Kirk and Pam had expected to attend, but were needed instead back in Boston. Lots of people who came by our booth sorely missed their annual conversation with Sheila.

"Through their avoidance I realized the ***importance*** *of what we were doing."*

Throughout the convention I was interested to note that whenever Maxwell or Robert joined a conversation the attention shifted to them and away from me. Perhaps it was the force of their personalities, they were very articulate, but I had to believe that some of the shift was due to our genders, too. It's useful to know something of what it really means to be a woman.

Our job was to hand out issues of *Tapestry* to people coming by, answer questions, offer information and take down names and addresses. Yvonne had me play a crossdressing shill as well, going on expeditions around the enormous hall from time to time

and coming back leading hordes of curious mental health workers—sort of a Pied Piper in drag.

Some of the delegates thought what we had might be contagious and so avoided us completely. The Physicians for a National Health Program and the Social Security Administration booths across the aisle were happy as we drove those frightened few into their booths. Through their avoidance of us I realized the importance of what we were doing at the convention, imagining how it would be for one of us to work up the courage finally to tell our deepest secret to somebody like that.

None of us knows where the ripples go that spread out from reaching out to people and helping them understand us. Our conversations with helping professionals outlined the issues they face in treating our people and enabled us to offer resources and insights.

A forensic psychiatrist told of a policeman who wanted to begin living full-time as a woman before committing to sexual reassignment surgery (SRS). The department wouldn't allow it, regarding the person as "just a crossdresser" until surgery has been completed.

Yvonne Cook-Riley posing with an inquiring helping professional.

A psychiatrist from a poor area in England described the modest success she had achieved in qualifying some of her patients for SRS under the national health system, until a new gatekeeper was appointed. This bureaucrat just said no to all requests. The psychiatrist was pleased to tell me that the gatekeeper had become involved in a scandal and probably would be removed from office in disgrace.

An exhibitor from Georgia came by to ask what religious insights we had to offer on transgenderism. He was an elder in a Church of God congregation. A transsexual parishioner had asked to be readmitted to the congregation in her new gender and probably would be successful. Some of the other members of the conservative parish had reservations, though, and the gentleman wanted information to help those members feel more comfortable with the issue.

A psychiatrist put on a comprehensive and well-attended art show. His own art made it clear that his politics were inclusive of diversity. He made a point of inviting us to his champagne reception.

The Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists exhibited in a booth near us and invited us to their opening reception. Yvonne and I also attended their AIDS memorial event, after which we walked to the beach and released white balloons into the sky in memory of those who have died. Members of the association made us feel very welcome and accepted.

Many foreign mental health professionals came by for information and tended to be impressed when they found resources in their countries listed in the back of *Tapestry*. A psychiatrist from Turkey was delighted to discover we listed services in his country. When I said I had visited Turkey recently and loved his country, he spent lots of the

Robert Eade and Maxwell Anderson take questions from the professionals.

convention in our booth telling me what he knew about the transgender situation there (some good, some bad).

Spending eight hours a day on a hard exhibit floor saying the same things over and over involves a little suffering, and people who suffer together often become friends. So it was with us and the other exhibitors. During the setup we perceived that a Social Security Administration staffer across the way was uncomfortable with our presence. He became more and more pleasant as the convention progressed. On the final day he acknowledged without any prodding on our part that he hadn't liked us being there at the beginning, but was very happy to know us now. I love it when that happens.

The convention began on Sunday. By Tuesday, walking onto the floor felt like returning to a supportive family. On Wednesday, the final day, I felt obliged to wander around with a big box of truffles to say thanks to accepting booth people, APA staff, Convention Center staff, and gay psychiatrists, all of whom made our minor suffering actually pleasant. In the final moments, Yvonne took a photo of me with a new friend across the aisle in the Physicians for a National Health Program booth, each of us holding up our respective handouts. That photo has become a treasured souvenir of a beautiful experience.

Third Gender. . . New Half

by Lee Cashin

We are born. . . then taught. . .never allowed to. . .BECOME! The fears and histories of prior generations mold and shape each birth toward the gender destiny society sees. Human beings are more complicated and need time to develop gender responsibilities.

All beings are conceived hermaphroditic, having both male and female characteristics. As we develop we begin to form physically more as one gender over the other. Finally, we emerge into a society that begins to mold us to the way we appear on the surface.

Society, with all its altruistic intentions, fails to recognize "The Other Half" present in all human beings. This half must be understood in time, or anxiety will lead to guilt, shame and major confusion that can force each puzzled person into a maladjusted state of existence.

From birth we are shaped by parents, teachers, role models, clerics, etc., to become a member of the human race which they see as either male or female. We are placed in a category from the beginning. Anything contrary to what we appear to be is treated with scorn or fear. A man who appears effeminate, the woman who demonstrates a masculine toughness are ostracized and considered other than normal. "This situation should be treated with drugs or therapy," says the establishment. We must be reeducated to bring us around to take our rightful place in the community. This makes it easy for everyone involved: round peg, round hole.

Could society be wrong? Is it possible we are missing something relevant within each human, the possibility of a THIRD GENDER?

The world looks at each human as male or female. They go from the outside in. What about the inside? What about that part in each of us not yet developed but saying something different from what the outside shows, not male, not female but a third undisclosed gender, perhaps androgyne?

Androgyny is not new. According to Webster, androgyny "is having the characteristics or nature of both male and female; neither specifically feminine nor masculine; suitable to or for either sex (clothing); having traditional male and female roles obscured or reversed."

Ever since early Egypt the thought of a man locked in a woman's body, and vice versa, has been studied and often accepted as the norm. In ancient Greece, Shamanism was practiced as "male prophets afflicted by a female disease," probably sexual impotence. This phenomenon migrated northward to Central Asia and has been reported in North and South America as well as in Polynesia. These Shamans, and their stages of sexual transformation, resemble those of present day prospects for sexual reassignment operations. Teresias, the androgynous Greek Shaman, is depicted as an old man with a long beard and pendulous breasts by Camille Paglia in her book *Sexual Personae*.

> "The Androgyne symbolized imagination, the creative process and poetry itself."

There was a strong sense in early Greek culture that the androgyne person symbolized imagination, the creative process and poetry itself. The mind, with its pragmatic design, was hermaphroditic for the ancients much as the psyche is for Jung in an era where selfhood expands to include the unconscious. We begin to see the androgyne as a cultural symbol of mind. The Renaissance era casts the androgyne in alchemical terms to represent intuition and the spiritualization of matter. On her native Cyprus, Aphrodite was worshipped as the Venus Barbata, the bearded Venus. Her image wore female clothing but had a beard and male genitals. Ritual sacrifices were conducted by men and women in transvestite dress.

Literature, art and sculpture down through the ages have proven the interest and belief in the science of male/female oneness. Most of the Gods of ancient Egypt were

androgynes. The adept sought to achieve their ideal condition through initiation. According to Elemire Zolla, in his book *The Androgyne*, "...they conveyed the sense of a peculiar kind of power, emanating from the inner balance of androgyny."

In the new world order the androgyne has ceased to alarm. The laughs and snickers at creatures of "sex indeterminate" are fading off into the country we are fast leaving behind. The model of a well tempered androgyne hovers above either sex as the new criterion for both. This could be the incarnation of a new man.

In the present-day world, Jung, Hillman, Leary and Rajneesh have all discovered the value in uncovering the hidden gender in all humans. In the early 70s, Timothy Leary realized that the path of LSD would end in shambles unless androgyny took over. He discovered that it was only if you could face unleashed randomness from what he called a "gyroscopic male-female linkage" could you avoid turning into a babbling acid freak. At the end of the 70s, Rajneesh was offering drugless retreats and courses in heart-centered androgyny. "The complete androgyne wades blissfully through the world of change balancing action and inactivity."

Virginia Woolf writes in the last chapters of *A Room Of One's Own*, that "...it is fatal to be a man or a woman pure and simple; one must be womanly-manly or a manly-womanly." She further states, "The androgynous mind is resonant and porous, it transmits emotion without impediment." Woolf advocates androgyny as a psychological and poetic ideal, a transcendence of sex, self and language. She was quoted in Kari Weil's book *Androgyny and the Denial of Difference*, "It is in androgyny that our future salvation lies."

History, the ancients, scholars and great minds over the centuries have

The Dancing Hermaphrodite: the dance evokes the seductive power of the androgyne.

found "the other half" of an individual's psychic self to be an important ingredient of self knowledge. Where has modern scholastic endeavor gone astray? Why have we seemed to have left all the work of history's great minds at the side of the road of life's experience? Who might know what genetic structures or psychological behaviors may cause a child to be of a third, not yet categorized gender?

Let us look into a case history of a child born male...at least to the world. Leonard (name changed to protect privacy) spent the first nine years of his life living a normal, apparently healthy existence. At the age of nine, his parents moved far away from his normal routine to a community void of companions his own age. His mother, being left alone a great deal by his workaholic father, began to replace her lost husband with Leonard. She began taking him to bed at night to comfort him and to ease his loneliness. This went on for five years, until he was 14. Leonard says he has no recall of ever having intercourse with his mother but does remember fantasizing about it. What is a vivid memory for him is lying next to his mother's bare breasts and feeling the sensuous satin nightgowns she always wore. This established a fetish for satin and silk that remains with him to this day.

Leonard began wearing his mother's underwear to school in the seventh grade. He was then ten years old. He also began to keep a scrapbook of lingerie ads from newspapers and magazines that he would often refer to while masturbating. His life centered around dressing in his mother's clothes. His crossdressing always resulted in masturbatory fantasy. This continued for 50 years.

Leonard became his mother's chosen child, the primary source of emotional incest. The sad truth, according to Dr. Patricia Love's book *The Emotional Incest Syndrome*, is that a child can never give an adult the intimate loving relationship another adult can. Tragically, Leonard bore the brunt of his mother's frustration.

His father, in his pseudo masculine way, could never accept boys hugging and kissing. Leonard remembers, at the age of two, running up to his father seeking a hug and kiss. His father pushed him away saying, "Boys don't kiss, they shake." Leonard never tried to kiss his father again!

He began his young adult life hating women and not realizing it. He grew up with the philosophy that "women were tools to be used by men for their own use and pleasure." His abuse of women began in high school and continued on through three broken marriages, each ending in traumatic divorce. He married women much younger than he was, less worldly and extremely naïve. He began, without cognitive understanding, abusive relationships. It would start with his feeling of superiority because he was older and more mature. His attitude would soon change to manipulation and control. His wives would cooperate for a time until they caught on to his abusive treatment. Sex was the first thing to go; love soon followed.

Transvestism (crossdressing) and compulsive masturbation became his safe haven for nurturing when

sex, and love, were taken away. This same pattern was present in all broken relationships. He would go on lingerie-buying binges and, after ejaculation, would discard with disgust and guilt, his purchases. With remorse, he says that thousands of dollars were thrown away in local trash cans.

This pattern continued from one failure to another until anxiety and stress drove him to seek therapy. At age 24, because of 10 years of hard drinking, he joined Alcoholics Anonymous. He became enmeshed in the 12-step program. Later on, therapy taught him that his true addiction was sex and he joined Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA). Through the combined efforts of his therapist and SLAA, Leonard says he was able to reach a serenity which enabled him to seek answers. His pain has eased enough that his self-respect has returned. This released the anxieties that had been controlling him for so long. He accepts his crossdressing because it does not directly involve anyone but himself, and it's considered a victimless sexual variant behavior. Leonard presently lives androgynously and celibate; male by day and female by night.

The paths we are led to from birth can lead toward unknown terrors, guilt trips and broken hearts. The gender trap can create anxiety and stress levels without cognitive understanding of exactly what's happening to us. Gender becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, imposed from childhood until it's part of our nature. Science has shown that people are infinitely unique, with one or two kinds of genitals (in many variations) and the potential for any sexual identity they choose according to Martine Rothblatt's book entitled *The Apartheid of Sex*.

Our sexual identity, absent the stereotyped male or female, is as individualized as is our personality. Each of us is different. Individually, each of us must choose male, female or transgendered. We must have the freedom to choose and not be categorized from birth into a sociobiological class on the basis of chance biology. We must not be socialized into a segregated culture.

Human beings must be allowed to develop toward their rightful inner gender. We must help them feel. Society will begin to allow us not to stamp newborn babies as one sex or the other. Gender expectations will become self-evident and the full cultural liberation of all people will occur at last. Open minds are only the beginning. Open courts and cooperation among the learned teaching community is paramount. Government acceptance of all genders can begin to stamp out segregation into two categories: male or female.

We are all persons, not sexes. We are transgendered, with unique sexual identities and capable of falling in love with any other person of unique sexual identity. The idea that people are made male or female has failed. It has failed because the seat of sexuality, the mind, has proven to be gender continuous, not either/or. The only possible new criterion for sexual identity is that people are neither male nor female but of individual gender across an infinitely wide continuum.

Where was Leonard heading when his life was interrupted by his lonely mother? Was he male/female or was a THIRD GENDER lying beneath the surface, waiting?

The time has come for mankind to investigate the possibility of a THIRD GENDER. Is there not enough abuse? Are not enough marriages failing? Is prejudice not still a prevailing issue? Are wars still being waged over nothing? The list is endless. The presumption of a THIRD GENDER doing away with the world's ills is just that, presumption. However, doesn't it make you pause and think, could it be the beginning?

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The Enemy:
A New Perspective

by Terri L. Main

Love your enemies...for if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the Publicans the same?
Matthew 6:45-46

"So beloved Sisters let us love one another. We have No Option"

Like many transgendered folk, my ears perk up whenever a talk show features transsexuals, transvestites, or transgenderists, if for no other reason than to see how they are going to sensationalize our experience. A few weeks ago, I caught the end of one of these shows which included a self-styled minister who has an especial enmity toward transsexuals (and I suspect all gender folk). He was on the point of raving, claiming that the other guests were abominations, worthy of contracting AIDS, and at one point he called them "Freaks."

My first reaction as I watched this man pass off his hatred as the voice of God was anger. Even if transsexualism was a sin (a long stretch to prove that point Biblically), it was hardly in keeping with the character and ministry of Christ to resort to name-calling and venomous attacks. It certainly wasn't the Gospel of Love he was preaching. But, something happened to change my perspective. As I stood alone telling the TV image of this man what I thought about him, God took me out of myself and showed me this man through his eyes.

What I saw was someone more to be pitied than censured. What I saw was a man so filled with anger and hatred that it was eating away at his soul. What I saw was a man who was miserable because everywhere he went he saw things which triggered his anger. Have you ever tried to be happy and angry at the same time? It doesn't work. My heart went out to him in sorrow and, yes, in love.

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No, I'm not a super-saint. I just saw this man through God's eyes for a few moments and I learned some important lessons. I'd like to share these with you.

Don't confuse the weapon with the enemy.

I remember someone quipping, "They call them smart bombs, but if they were that smart they wouldn't destroy themselves." Being a weapon isn't any fun, and it's not something you choose. Your enemy is not the sanctimonious person who condemns you. It's not the minister who says you're an abomination. It's not your family or friends who reject you. Ephesians 6:10 says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Those people are the instruments Satan uses to cause you pain. Remember, Satan is called the "Accuser of the Saints." They are as much victims of hate as you are.

Beware, lest you become the thing you hate.

If I respond to hatred with hatred, then I become like the person who hates me. This places me always on the defensive. It makes be start looking over my shoulder. It causes me to expect negativity. Like the scripture at the start of this article says, If I only love people who love me, so what? Even sinners do that. Conversely, if I love people who hate me, I emulate Christ who said of the people crucifying him, "Father, forgive them."

Win them through your life and your love.

I was talking with my pastor a couple of weeks ago about organizing and writing curriculum for our home Bible study program which sort of dissolved after the former director moved out of town. He was in favor and indicated that he expected to see me in a number of ministry positions around the church. Then he said, "You know when you become more visible, you'll probably hit some opposition. How do we educate those people?" My first reaction, being a teacher by profession and by vocation, was to begin a dissertation about theology and specific scriptures and their historical context. But, much to my surprise, I said,

"Well, have them talk to me. We'll go out for coffee. We'll talk together. Get to know each other. They can ask me any questions they need answered. We'll pray together and read the Bible. We'll agree to disagree if necessary." I might have added. "I'll love them, and eventually they will either love me back or get out of the way."

Finally, Love is Not an Option.

No matter how hateful the others are, you cannot become hateful (i.e., full of hate). That is not an option for the Child of God. I John 4:7-8 makes it clear, "Beloved, let us love one another. For love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God. For God is Love." I have often quoted that scripture as an attack against those who would attack us. I'm only now learning to quote it in Love.

So, beloved Sisters, let us love one another. It's not an option.

WE ARE THE TRANSSEXUALS

We are the transsexuals who will not be seen on the talk shows
Neither Phil nor Oprah will call
Geraldo and Ricky and Jenny and
  Jerry and Sally don't know our numbers
We are the transsexuals who hold down responsible jobs
Who never posed for pictures
Who never worked a street corner
We are the ones who don't own a string bikini,
fishnet stockings, a boa or a push-up bra
We are the ones who treasure family and friends
We are the ones who worship God
We are the transsexuals who bake brownies for the bake sales
Who work on committees
Who contribute to our communities
We are the transsexuals who are no longer transsexuals,
  but simply women
So, Phil, don't call.
Oprah don't ring my phone.
Geraldo, Ricky, Jenny, Sally and Jerry
  don't send me any invitations
I have no time for you
I'm too busy living the life I fought so hard to find.

- Terri L. Main

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Homophobia
the Bible & the Church

by William Sloane Coffin

Having recently reviewed much of the scholarship concerning Biblical views on homosexuality, I am once again concerned that altogether too many Christians, even scholarly ones, use the Bible as a drunk does a lamp post—for support rather than for illumination. While the research is impressive, the arguments on both sides strike me as either simplistic or too tortuous to be convincing. Why can't Christians just admit that there is such a thing as Biblical deadwood, not to say Biblical folly?

To pretend to be shocked at such a suggestion is pure hypocrisy, unless, of course, you still believe in slavery—"Slaves, obey your earthly masters" (Ephesians 6:5); or in the inferior status of wives—"the husband is the head of the wife" (I Corinthians 11:3); and wouldn't dream of eating barbecued ribs, for to do so would be an abomination, *toevah*—the same Hebrew word used in Leviticus for homosexual acts.

One piece of scholarship I did admire was a four-page pamphlet. On the cover side was the question: "What did Jesus say about homosexuality?" The inside two pages were blank, and on the back of the pamphlet was written, "That's right, nothing!"

It's time we grew up. It's time to realize that any belief in biblical inerrancy is itself unBiblical. Read the story of Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10) and you will see that scriptural writings themselves do not support the inerrancy of scripture, that God had to convert Peter from being a Fundamentalist. Besides, Christians believe in the Word made flesh, not in the Word made words. Christianity is less a set of beliefs than it is a way of life, and a way of life that actually warns against absolute intellectual certainty: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are God's judgments and God's ways of finding out! For who has known the mind of God?" (Romans 11:33)

I think we know far more of God's heart than we do of the mind of God. It's God's heart that Christ on the cross lays bare for the whole world to see. And "God is love and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." That passage suggests that revelation is in the relationship. And a relationship with God provides more psychological certitude than intellectual certainty. Faith is not believing without proof, it's trusting without reservation. I think all belief systems that rest on absolute intellectual certainty, be that certainty the doctrine of papal infallibility or the doctrine of the verbal inerrancy of scripture, all such belief systems should go out the stained glass windows, for they have no proper place in the church. They induce Christians to sharpen their minds by narrowing them. They make Christians doctrinaire, dogmatic, mindlessly militant. To such absolute belief systems can be attributed all manner of unchristian horrors such as inquisitions, holy wars, witch hunts, morbid guilt, unthinking conformity, self-righteousness, anti-Semitism, misogyny, and homophobia.

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> *that denies change, enforcing ignorance, for fear seeks safety not the truth.*
> ***Justice. . .***
> *makes change inevitable."*

Every Christmas I marvel at how the word of the Lord hits the world with the force of a hint. Naturally enough, we want God to be God, but God wants to be a human being, a babe in a manger. We want God to be strong so that we can be weak; but God wants to be weak so that we can be strong. Christ came to earth, not to overpower; he came to empower. He respected freedom, knowing that choice is what makes us human; authoritarianism keeps us children. Christ came to provide maximum support but minimum protection, and it is precisely his support that should make Christians stop sheltering themselves between the covers of the Bible as house martins nest under the eaves.

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Emily Dickinson wrote: "The unknown is the mind's greatest need and for it no one thinks to thank God." Well, I do. I thank God not only for all the wisdom in the sixty-six books of the Bible, but also that "the Lord hath yet more light and truth to break forth from his word." So I pray that the Lord will save all of us from these three things: the cowardice that dares not face new truth, the laziness content with half-truth, and the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth.

Clearly it is not scripture that creates hostility to homosexuality, but rather hostility to homosexuals that prompts some Christians to recite a few sentences from Saint Paul and retain passages from an otherwise discarded Old Testament law code. In abolishing slavery and in ordaining women, we've gone beyond Biblical literalism. It's time we did the same with gays and lesbians. The problem is not how to reconcile homosexuality with scriptural passages that condemn it, but rather how to reconcile the rejection and punishment of homosexuals with the love ofChrist. It can't be done. So instead of harping on what's "natural" let's talk of what's "normal," what operates according to the norm. For Christians the norm is Christ's love which, by the way, may be more flexible than the law but also more demanding. If people can show the tenderness and constancy in caring that honors Christ's love, what matters their sexual orientation? Shouldn't a relationship be judged by its inner worth rather than by its outer appearance? When has a monopoly on durable life-warming love been held by legally wed heterosexuals?

Beware of ministers who offer you the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought. The worst are the TV "evangelists" (those children of a "looser" God!). Not content with calling homosexuality sin, they go on to declare AIDS a form of divine retribution on homosexuals. If doctors don't know the cause of AIDS, you can be sure the ministers don't either. And to suggest that a God of love would root for a virus that kills people, that a God of love would wage germ warfare on sinners and not go after warmakers, polluters, slum landlords, drug dealers, all of whose sins affect others so much more profoundly—such a suggestion represents, in an apt phrase from Alcoholics Anonymous, "stinking thinking."

What AIDS does is raise heavy-duty questions for which many of us are not quite ready. One example: along with straight children, gay children need to be taught that promiscuity is dangerous to their physical, psychic, and moral health. If, as most of us still think, example is the best form of teaching, then gay children have the same need as straight children to see loving, stable couples. If gay and lesbian couples show the same deep and abiding love for each other as do straight couples—and demonstrably they do, the evidence is all around—then why shouldn't the state offer the same civil marriage available to straight couples, with all the benefits that marriage entails, including the all-important death benefits?

Why shouldn't the Christian church do the same? Is John Fortunato, an Episcopal psychotherapist, wrong to formulate the issue as he does? "As evidence increasingly emerges that homosexuality is a natural biological variation in the human species, is it not time for the smug heterosexual majority to give up its self-image of monochromatic normality and acknowledge God's right to a pluralistic creation?"

I want to come back to the church, but first a word about homosexuals serving in the military. Larry Korb, once President Reagan's man charged with implementing the Pentagon ban on gays, now admits it was a dumb idea. Richard Cheney, Secretary of Defense under President Bush, called the ban "a bit of an old chestnut." Writing in *The Washington Post* Barry Goldwater reminded the country that "nobody thought blacks or women would be integrated into the military"; and added, "You don't need to be 'straight' to fight and die for your country. You just need to shoot straight." Paul Sherry and eleven other heads of Protestant Communions are on record for lifting the ban. Yet, despite all this support for doing so, we are apparently headed for a compromise, a "don't ask, don't tell" agreement which will allow gays to serve as long as they remain silent about their sexual orientation.

This is the kind of compromise that doesn't deal with the issue, it hides from it. This is the kind of compromise that concedes principle to political accommodation and for that very reason is eventually doomed to failure. And the compromise means that the military will now deny rather than defend an important American civil liberty.

Clearly Collin Powell and the military won this round because they marshalled and harnessed their fears to those of the Congress. As Peter Gomes wrote in *The New York Times*, "The threat and fear of change is the weak chink in the military's armor." Resistance to change—that's what binds the military, the church, and Congress. They embrace 'the Principle of the Dangerous Precedent' put forth by the British academic who said, "Nothing should ever be done for the first time."

Let me read you a Defense Dept. regulation of fifty years ago, "...the necessity for the highest possible degree of unity and esprit de corps; the requirement of morale—all these demand that nothing be done which may adversely affect the situation...the enlistment of Negroes (other than for mess attendants) leads to disruptive and undermining conditions."

Truman had the courage to change all that, and the rest, as Collin Powell has reason to know, is history.

Not for naught does Scripture insist that "perfect love casts out fear." Nothing scares me like scared people, and without doubt courage is the virtue that makes all other virtues possible. It is always fear that denies change, enforcing ignorance, for fear seeks safety not the truth. Justice, on the other hand, the moral fuel of progress, makes change inevitable. In the years ahead what's right will prevail, not power as is the case today. And, "When," says Peter Gomes, "the next generation asks ours which side we were on in the great debate of '93, it will be a badge of honor to say, 'We lost.'"

A final few words about the church. Much ado is made about ordaining gay men and lesbian women. The fact is, many already are in the clergy and serving altogether as well as straight clergy. Most, of course are "in the closet." What's so sad and ironic is that their congregations' love for them is based on a deception, and such an unhealthy and needless one.

The United Church of Canada has found a simple solution: it bases ordination on membership. If homosexuality doesn't exclude you from membership in a church, it can't exclude you from ordination.

Often we hear Christians counseling patience: "It will take time before the churches and the country accept homosexuality." But time is neutral, it's what we do with time that counts. I can't see being patient with bigotry at the expense of its victims.

Homophobia, the fear and hatred of homosexuals, is bigotry. It is on a par with racism and sexism. In some ways it's worse: I've heard teenage gay and lesbian children tell of the pain that comes when the three main institutions of society turn their backs on them: their families, their schools, and their churches. That kind of pain deserves to be met not with patience, but holy impatience.

Too many of us mean well—feebly. We are tolerant, but we are also passive. We don't seem to realize that to bigotry—in whatever form—the answer is truth, not silence. The Religious Right reminds us that human beings both long for freedom and long to deprive others of theirs. Even more than the rest of us, the Religious Right prefers certainty to truth. Deliverance to them means to be delivered from the labors of reason. And their political agenda is altogether as obvious as their moral indignation. The goal of Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson appears to be a kind of theocracy, an American version of Iran.

I don't think we should endlessly debate the Religious Right. That's fruitless. What's emotionally rooted is not intellectually soluble. As Louis Armstrong said, "There are some people that if they don't know, you can't tell 'em." But I do think we shouldn't leave evangelism to them. They think their answers are based on belief, ours on unbelief. So we need to become more evangelical. The answer to bad evangelism is not no evangelism, but good evangelism. Good evangelism is not proselytizing, but bearing witness to our version of the truth. And, of course, it's "our" version just as it's "their" version, for truth is never present in its pure essence.

When comfortable little worlds are being rudely shattered, as today they are, somebody has to play Hamlet to Horatio: "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." When the truth is feared as the destroyer of peace, as today it is, somebody has to recall Jeremiah: "Woe to those who say, 'Peace, peace,' where there is no peace"; and Jesus, too: "I came not to bring peace but a sword"—the sword of truth, the only sword that heals the wounds it inflicts.

I said that homophobia is on a par with racism and sexism. Racism, I imagine, has been around as long as there have been races of people. You remember that Miriam and Aaron gave Moses a hard time for marrying an Ethiopian, who moreover, remains nameless (Numbers 12:1). Sexism certainly goes back to Biblical times, as does homophobia, and the reason for this, I would suggest, is because pride is not accidentally, but essentially, competitive.

In a culture as prejudiced as ours is still, it is doubtful that many of us, gay or straight, will completely overcome our homophobia. What did most to help me battle mine, more than the accumulation and analysis of the evidence available, was to spend time with gay people. Familiarity bred only respect, never contempt. Clearly, for straight people, it is far better to spend time talking *with* gays and lesbians and less *about* gays and lesbians.

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." It is love that banishes fear and prejudice, that allows us to grow in understanding, freedom, and compassion. It was love that made Jesus draw to himself those whom so many in his world despised. In our times, we who live in his name can do no less.

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Dr. Coffin's autobiography, *Once to Every Man*, was published in 1977. That same year he received the call to become Senior Pastor at Riverside in New York City. At Riverside and subsequently as President of SANE-FREEZE, the largest peace and justice organization in the United States, Pastor Coffin has followed the ministry he outlined in his autobiography. He has devoted himself to the task of creating a world without famine; a world without borders; a world at one and at peace. It is this "passion for the possible" that has characterized Coffin's career as a servant of Christ and a minister of the Word.

Union of the Spirits
An Inclusive Event

by Dallas Denny

For some time now, small groups of transgendered folk have been gathering for intimate sharing that is not available in support groups or at major gender conventions. The first of these was the New Woman Conference, a conference for postoperative women and their partners. The second was called Kindred Spirits. The third was the Pink Moon Gathering, and the fourth was Union of Spirits, an event organized by Melanie Shaline and myself, and recently held at historic Sunnybank Inn in Hot Springs, North Carolina.

What goes on at these events? What is so special about them? Why do the participants travel hundreds, and sometimes thousands of miles to go to these gatherings, and why do they come away profoundly changed, with new realizations about their lives and destinies, with new goals and plans, and even with new names?

I think the answer is in the nature of the participants, and in the nature of the setting. The participants are highly spiritual people. They have been wrestling with transgender issues for their entire lives, and this has given them a special outlook on life, special sensitivities and insights about their nature and the nature of others. They are highly actualized persons, empathic to the needs of others, and highly aware of their inner selves and the world around them. When they are brought together in a tranquil setting, away from ringing telephones and other pressure of the outside world, something very special begins to happen.

It is clear that transgendered persons have existed throughout time, and in all cultures. Many cultures—those less dualistic than ours—have attributed special abilities to their transgendered persons, in many cases making them priests, priestesses or shamans. There are strong transgender traditions in many Native American tribes, in Polynesian and African cultures, and even in our own Western Society until about 2000 years ago, when the rise of the patriarchy quashed the old goddess-centered religions. Those societies recognized our specialness—a specialness which begins to manifest when we come together with honesty and good intentions at our special gatherings, our NWCs, Pink Moons, Kindred Spirits, and Unions of Spirits, which reach some sort of transgender critical mass.

Our Gatherings are different for each of us, but there are common elements: feelings of immense love and belonging, of inner peace, of quiet dignity, of pain and joy. We each come with our own agenda, and we each take away something different.

> *"What goes on at these events. . . what happens is impossible to quantify. . . each was incredible."*

What happens is impossible to quantify. No camera could capture it, no tape machine record it. It is something spiritual, something magical, much more than the conversations, discussions, field trips, campfires, and ceremonies, much more than the laughing and the crying and the singing and the storytelling. Whatever it is, it is a life-altering experience, a way of feeling alive and whole. I've been fortunate enough to have attended three of the four gatherings. I did not go to the Pink Moon Gathering, but I have been to the second NWC (yes, I have had that operation), the first Kindred Spirits, and the first Union of Spirits. Each was incredible. I can't possibly communicate to you my emotions, but I can relate some of my experiences.

The Union of Spirits is a small, noncommercial gathering of transgendered persons (non-transgendered persons are not excluded) which meets periodically in the mountains of North Carolina and North Georgia for quiet meditation, spiritual exploration and growth, and emotional sharing. Those interested in attending should contact Dallas Denny, PO Box 33724, Decatur, GA 30033, Phone (404) 939-2128. Dallas Denny, MA, is the Executive Director of the American Educational Gender Information Service (AEGIS).
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New Women's Conference

Early Sunday Massachusetts morning in September. Sky is gray, the air is still and cool. Fog swirls at our feet. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Rena Swifthawk and I walk though the grass past a fountain where Sister Mary Elizabeth is performing a Sunday service. We make our way down a gravel road to the ocean, where we have our own ceremony. As we stand there, looking into the distance, seeing for off ships and the curve of the world at the horizon, Rena smudges us with smoke from sweetgrass while she tells us of Grandmother Earth and the important work Merissa and I have been chosen to do. Gulls land on the sand near us to watch.

Kindred Spirits

Walking along a path through the hardwood forest, I stop and turn suddenly. Wendy Parker manages to halt before she runs into me. "Be very very quiet," I tell her in my best Elmer Fudd voice. "I'm hunting transsexuals. He-he-he-he." Wendy, without a pause, says, "Weawwy? OOO. Wook! A wipstick!" A little later, Chris Howey remarks that we seem to be on the M.C. Escher trail.

Union of Spirits

We are sitting in a circle. Melanie Shaline, a dear soul and very special to me, is told by Pamela Maber that she is intellectualizing. Pam wants to know how Melanie feels. Instantly, Melanie bursts into tears and says, "I feel like a lonesome wanderer." We've all been holding ourselves in reserve, and Melanie is man enough and woman enough and brave enough to be the first to let go and share all of herself. All tension in the room evaporates, all masks disappear, and for the next two days we are totally honest with one another.

New Women Conference

Thirteen of us sit in a circle in the night, each with a candle burning before her. One by one, we name someone transgendered we know who has died, and extinguish our candles. When the last candle is out, we sit in the darkness for a long moment, and then begin to re-light our candles, naming someone who is just starting their transgender journey.

Union of Spirits

I am in the woods, leaning against a tree, looking down the hill as Holly Boswell and Christy Fisher, standing by a rushing mountain stream, deliberate where best to strip off their clothes to go skinny-dipping. They look like a pair of water nymphs. I am thinking about my having shared with them one of my secret shames: the time, when I was twelve years old and having been told how much fun it was by a couple of teenage boys, I pulled two legs off a daddy longlegs and was instantly consumed with regret, realizing that I was depriving it not only of its ability to move, but of its hearing and vision; how there was nothing to do but to finish the "experiment" by pulling off its other six legs, and then kill it. As I told the story, I was finally able to determine why I had felt so bad for so many years about one daddy longlegs. It was not that I had killed it, but that I had shown it no respect. It crosses my mind as I stand there, hand against the tree, that I have always felt close to all animals, and have no special totem animal or animal spirit guide, no animal which speaks especially to me. I am wishing for a sign, some indication of what that animal might be. At that moment, I feel something moving on the back of my hand. I tear my eyes away from the water nymphs to look. On my wrist stands a daddy longlegs.

Kindred Spirits

We stand on the top of Max Patch, a bald-topped peak in the Smoky Mountains. Around us, in a 360-degree arc, we can see only wilderness, other mountains. Civilization is in the valleys, out of sight, and the Grandmother looks as she has always looked. Arms interlocked, we sway with the rhythm of the Earth, our intellect in check, our emotions in the forefront. We are one body, one soul.

Union of Spirits

It is dark, and we are on our way to Randall's farm for a bonfire. I am walking with two others. As I reach the end of the road, an injured bat, thrashing and flopping along the ground, crosses my path just inches from my shoe. The next morning, Christy reveals to the Circle that before the Union, she had cast medicine cards to get a reading on the nature of the event. The first card had been a bat, symbolizing death and rebirth. The fifth and last, she tells us, was a hummingbird, the only bird which can move backwards and forward, up and down, left and right, and hover, sort of like our ability to move through the genders. On Sunday morning, shortly before we are to depart, Jane Newman, Gary Reiser and I, standing on the front porch, see the hummingbird, white and scarlet, as it darts in and out of the flowers around Sunnybank.

New Women's Conference

Merissa and I play every folk song known to man (or woman or any other gender) on our guitars.

Kindred Spirits

Wendy and I puzzle out the tune to a song called, "It's Only a Wee-Wee," which we had found in a songbook on the piano. Three weeks later, she plays it for three hundred people at Southern Comfort.

Union of Spirits

I am playing Gender Bender and other songs for the rest of the group. Something tells me to look behind me. Elmer Hall, the innkeeper, and his staff are sitting there, listening raptly.

Kindred Spirits

We find Randall's sheet music for Ashokan Farewell (the haunting theme of the PBS series The Civil War), and Wendy Parker plays it on the piano Randall has moved into his half-finished house. Randall accompanies her on the violin.

Union of Spirits

We decide it will be unsafe to transport Phillida across Randall's swinging bridge, which is two feet wide and has only one hand rope. Ordinarily, we would take her across the creek at the ford, but an unseasonably wet summer has turned the ordinarily peaceful stream into a small and raging river, and our common sense (and perhaps the bat we have just seen) tell us not to try. Phillida and another woman go back to the inn, and the rest of us go forward. Thereafter, the bridge assumes an important symbolic meaning in our conversations. Two mornings later, I am wakened by Melanie, who has been carrying Phillida to the places she cannot go in her wheelchair. Melanie has run the several miles to the bridge and spoken with it. The bridge has told her that it will provide the support she needs to carry Phillida across, but Melanie must provide the balance. The bridge will give her the same support it gives others, but nothing more. Melanie knows that next time, we will be able to take Phillida across the bridge. She tells me this, eyes shining, as I shake off the remnants of a dream in which the Goddess (whom I had invoked in a ceremony the night before in room 4, the haunted room), had spoken to me.

If you have read the Don Juan books by Carlos Castenada, you will know the subtle nature of Don Juan's teachings. I believe that the Earth (God, if you will, or as I prefer to think of Her, the Goddess) speaks to us, but often in gentle and unobtrusive ways. By focusing our awareness and amplifying it by the presence of others like ourselves, it becomes a little more obvious to us who are ordinarily blinded to such things by our Western ways. But even so, we must pay attention, look and listen, so that we will recognize the signs when they are given to us. Our Gatherings are rich with symbolism. Remembering my daddy longlegs, remembering the bat and the hummingbird, remembering the gulls watching Rena and Merissa and me, I would call it more than symbolism. I would call it magic. I have found this magic in a group for postoperative people only, in a group which was composed primarily of transgenderists, and in a group which was evenly divided between those who define themselves as crossdressers or transgenderists and those who define themselves as transsexual. It's the specialness of the spirits that is important, and not the state of the genitals or outward appearance or the ability to cross a swinging bridge. I think the power goes out of our community's events when they become exclusionary and energies which should be expended on growth are wasted on angry rhetoric. Sadly, our community has a seemingly inexhaustible tendency to draw imaginary lines in the sand, excluding worthy souls from organizations and events which could benefit them. This will never happen at Union of Spirits.

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Transsexuality & Religion: A Personal Journey

by Karen F. Kroll, M.Div.

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

- Robert Frost

This poem is very special to me, it sums-up my own personal journey as I dealt with my identity and searched for wholeness in my life. Like the poem, I finally had to choose one of two roads to travel on for the rest of my life, and this choice would forever change the direction of my life.

Change is never an easy decision, and at first it may seem very scary. Yet, when we were children, change did not seem that scary because it offered us unlimited possibilities. But, as we grew up and became adults, we sometimes got caught up in being afraid of what others would think if we "fail" in our attempt to change. For this and other reasons, it is much easier to hold on to the traditional ways and just go with the flow. But this is not the way a person with gender dysphoria finds peace of self. So, like countless others before me, I had to make a change that enabled me to know and experience that peace inside myself.

"There is something called a

Moral Pole. . .

only by looking at these two schools of thought can we take the ***power*** *out of them"*

This internal peace was something that I had not known most of my life. What I had felt was confusion and emotional pain in a major area of my identity. I tried in my early years to understand it, but I was left with a puzzle that I could not explain. As a teenager, I felt like a stranger living in a foreign country, so I began to wear a mask that hid my true identity. This mask became an important part of my survival, because suicide was a real possibility. I began to strike out in anger as an adult, hoping this would relieve the confusion and emotional pain.

When this did not work, I tried to kill these feelings by drinking alcohol and taking drugs to excess. I have been sober and clean now for several years by working a Program, and it is the best thing that ever happened to me. This Program gave me back my life, but it forced me to face these feelings. By facing these feelings of my transsexuality, I was able to deal with them and remove the mask. This was not done without a lot of professional counseling.

When you finally deal with the issue of your gender dysphoria, it may cause some conflict in your life in regards to your religious beliefs. The realization of this fact hit me as I began to deal with my transition. I also received a very painful letter from some close friends one month before sex reassignment surgery (SRS). Over the years I had helped other people deal with these issues, but now they were touching my life in a personal way. That is why I decided to write this paper.

Just before my transition began, the full impact of this decision hit me. I had to leave an occupation that I deeply loved and begin my work-life all over

again at age 50. I could no longer remain an active Catholic priest, and I would receive laicization several months after SRS. This was a very painful process for me, because the priesthood had always been a labor of love for me. This process also led me to this conclusion.

Religious leaders of various faiths need to find room in their hearts for people in transition. They must remember that God alone is the judge and searcher of a person's heart. They also must not forget that they are dealing with a person who has come for help, not for rejection. It is time for these religious leaders to take a closer look at SRS and to see it as a moral help not a moral evil for those in need of "wholeness" in their lives. They also need to be willing to journey with transsexuals, so that they may experience the love of God in these encounters, not disillusionment.

The letter that I received a month before SRS came from two close friends. In their letter they said they were two strict Catholics, and they believed what I was doing to myself was morally wrong. It was also against the teaching of Jesus. They then asked how I could have served the Church all those years as a priest and do what I was about to do. This surgery would destroy the body that God had given me to protect and honor. Their statements cut me right to the bone, but I decided to reply to their letter. I tried to share my confusion and emotional pain with them, and I stressed that this was not a spur of the moment decision. I closed my letter by asking them not to write back, if they were only going to condemn me for this decision. I have not heard from them since their last letter, and it saddens me because of our past friendship.

Each transsexual may face the same type of situation; so let's reflect upon transsexuality and religion by looking at it from a moral point of view. When you study morality and relate it to certain religious principles, you begin to realize there are certain "grey areas." You may also begin to realize that there is something called a MORAL POLE with two very distinct schools of thought at each end of this MORAL POLE. These two schools of thought have in one way or another shaped how our society has come to view transsexuality. Yet, some of you might be saying right now that you do not care how we are viewed, because it does not affect your life. This may or not be true, but I ask that you be honest with yourselves and look deeply within yourselves. You may discover that you have been affected, and it is only by looking at these two schools of thought we can take the power out of them.

The first school of thought sees all of morality and religious principles in what is called a "Fundamental Legalism." Fundamental Legalism has had a major impact upon our American experience, and it is still having an impact today. It tends to stress a strict or literal adherence to a set of moral principles within a structured code of conduct. This code of conduct is defined in terms of "black and white" concepts. There is within this school of thought no "grey areas" or middle ground within its framework. This creates two key problems.

The first problem has had a profound affect on our country, and it is still affecting it today. This school of thought takes these "black and white" concepts and equates them with the Divine. By equating them with the Divine, it is saying that anyone who cannot accept these concepts cannot be saved by God. In other words, salvation is based upon a strict interpretation of these moral concepts as defined by this school of thought. Hence, it becomes the only judge of what is right or wrong, and the institution for these concepts becomes God.

The second problem relates to FREE WILL. This school of thought has difficulty with the existence of FREE WILL because it only sees religious concepts in "black and white." If you admit that there is a middle ground in morality, then you must deal with FREE WILL. It then forces you to accept the concept that we are responsible for the free choices that we make in our lives.

The school of thought at the other end of this MORAL Pole sees everything in what can be called a "Situational Morality." Its roots can be traced to Existential Philosophy that began in Europe shortly after the First World War. The basic premise of this school of thought is that no moral decisions can be made by the individual, because the individual is always being governed or being determined by various situations in his or her life. In other words, morality is a set of situations that always governs a person's life; and so the individual is not responsible for his or her actions. Yet, there are certain moral principles, and to deny those principles by reducing every action down to a variety of situations is to state that the individual is nothing more than a robot without any FREE Will.

There is another important religious concept that is related to these two schools of thought. It is the concept of the WHOLENESS OF THE BODY. When you reflect upon this concept, you come face to face with the way some religious denominations have dealt with transsexuality. You also come face to face with the statements that I received in the letter just before my SRS. The way we deal with this concept and others like it relates to our religious background/beliefs or lack of them. I know for myself it was one of the key areas that I considered before or during my transition and before SRS. Having talked and helped a lot of other transsexuals over the years, I tend to think it is one of the key areas that most of them considered before reaching a conclusion in their lives about their gender dysphoria.

We need to look at this concept of the WHOLENESS OF THE BODY, and then ask a theological question. Is the body by its nature (the make-up and structure) evil? My answer to this question is "No," because of my understanding of and belief in FREE WILL. Yet, this is not a question to answer with a simple "yes" or "no" because it involves a lot of complex religious concepts. To grasp these concepts, we need to understand two very basic theological and cultural roots within the Christian Church/Religion. One of these two roots had a major impact in shaping the American experience.

The first root comes from the Jewish religious experience, and to deny this root is to miss the religious history or tradition that we come from. This root is going to have more of an impact upon the Eastern Tradition than the Western Tradition of the Christian Church. A good example of this can be found in the first few chapters of the book of Genesis when we deal with the creation account. If we look closely, then we may discover that there are two creation accounts. In one of the accounts a human being is created in the image of God, and it is good. In the other account a human being is created from the dust of the earth, and God breathes life into that human being. Both of these creation accounts according to Jewish biblical scholars relate to the following concepts. The image of God refers to a person's soul, and the dust of the earth refers to a person's flesh or body. Yet, what is interesting is that Jewish theology did not divide a person into two parts, i.e. one part a soul and the other part a body. A person is a whole being who is composed of a soul and a body. This person was good, because it was created by God. Evil only comes about when this person's actions are contrary to the goodness that God created.

The second root comes from the Hellenistic religious experience, or its philosophy. This root is going to have more of an impact upon the Western Tradition than the Eastern Tradition of the Christian Church. It is also going to have a key influence in the development of the American religious experience. Let's look at the philosophy of Plato to better understand this root. Plato is a dualist. When he looks at a human being, he will describe it as one part soul and the other part body. These two parts are not a whole as in the Jewish root, but two separate parts. The highest part for Plato was the soul because it was eternal and above corruption. The body was not eternal. It was corruptible and held the soul as a prisoner. It was only when the body passed away that the soul could be free.

As the Christian Church over the first four centuries begins to grow and develop, these two Traditions are going to clash with each other. These conflicts are going to create a lot of tensions between both Traditions. There will also be attempts at merging these two Traditions, but this will lead to some theological teachings that the Church will later declare to be heresies.

One of the first major heresies was Gnosticism. This heresy will take on many other names down through the centuries, but its roots can always be traced back to Gnosticism. It was based on the premise that only by "Pure Knowledge" could you be saved, because only then could you know Jesus Christ. This "Pure Knowledge" could only come from the soul, because the soul could not be corrupted. The body could be corrupted, so it was capable of leading a person away from this "Pure Knowledge." Therefore, unless you learned to control your body, there could be no salvation.

This heresy led to some extreme theological positions. A good example is the "Black Plague" that wiped out half of the population of Europe during the Middle Ages. One of the main theological concepts given as a reason for the plague was that the people refused to control their bodies. This caused God to become angry, so he sent a plague to teach them. This theological understanding may sound very barbaric to us today, but how many times in the last decade have the same type of statements been used to "explain" the spread of AIDS?

The concept of the corruptibility of the body was also one of the principles in the shaping of the American experience. The Puritan Fathers in New England believed very strongly in this concept, and they established a moral code based on it. They also believed it would save the world, and this is why America in their writings is called the "New Jerusalem."

It is only by studying these historical roots that pre-operative or post-operative transsexuals can begin to understand why this theological concept of body and evil may have an impact upon our lives. It also seems to be at the very center of the problem for some religious leaders and denominations when it comes to transsexuality. Some theological and medical concepts have tended to be very conservative in their outlook in regards to transsexuality. But, it is time to re-examine these concepts in light of advancing technology and in light of the message of the Gospels, because moral judgment of what is sacred concerning the body does not stand still. With the passage of time, previously unacceptable intrusions into the body have fallen away before the enlightenment of inquiries, objective reappraisals, and common sense.

In the late 1700s and early 1800s dissection of the human body was a serious breach of medical ethics. That is an historical fact. The removal of human organs from one body and transplanting them into another body was totally unacceptable at the beginning of this century. It is today an acceptable practice, not to say a common practice. It has saved and

enriched many lives. As sacred as the body has been, the genital areas of a man and of a woman are still the most sacred part of the body. It is the most inviolate part of the body, both from a theological and from a medical point of view; and so it may be at the root of the problem for most people in our society when it comes to SRS. Yet, the advancement of transsexuality in this area will not be assisted by a quagmire conservatism any more than by reckless, unsystematic abandonment of various principles.

Kim Elizabeth Stuart, in her book *The Uninvited Dilemma,* has summed up this issue for me. Her words have challenged me, and given me hope as I began my transition that led to SRS.

Many opponents of gender congruity bring up the subject of religion, and make statements such as: "God made you the way you are, and you have no right to change that." Where are the protests when hopelessly disabled persons are given artificial limbs, joints, or heart valves? According to the logic of those religious protests, people should not be allowed to take advantage of many of the advances in modern medicine because "God made these people the way they are." Where are the protests when diabetics are injected with insulin derived from animals? Where are the protesters when tiny babies...are operated on to have a birth or genetic defect corrected? Where are the cries...when Siamese twins are separated by surgery so that they can live (or one may live) whole, normal lives? Certainly if God made transsexuals, that same God must have made Siamese twins. The implication here, of course, is that transsexuals choose to be the way they are, while others with physical and developmental birth or genetic defects, and persons who develop medical conditions, do not make choices. That is patent nonsense. No one chooses to be a transsexual any more than one chooses to be a diabetic...The only choice involved for transsexuals is what they are going to do about their condition. The individual who argues against surgical intervention for transsexuals on religious or moral grounds uses spurious arguments, and is hypocritical in the worse sense. They claim to follow the precepts of Jesus who preached the love of God and fellow man, and yet they are perfectly willing to turn their back on their fellow man (or woman), and condemn some to an internal hell based on their interpretations of what is right or wrong...It would behoove those moral adjudicators to keep their own spiritual yard free of weeds instead of constantly spading in other people's garden. (pages 96f)

The key point in all of this for me and I think for others is that we really had no choice in regards to SRS. I did not choose to have SRS on the spur of the moment, but only after a great deal of deep soul searching and professional help. SRS was a rebirth for me because it gave me my life; so that I was finally in union with my world.

This is the very same reason why I made a choice to write this paper. I have seen too many good people over the years hurt by other people, so I could no longer sit on the sidelines. I also wrote it with the hope that it would help you to look at and to reflect upon some of the issues of transsexuality and religion. Yet, this paper has only dealt with a few of those issues of transsexuality and religion, but it is a moral issue that is not that simple. Most moral and religious issues are never that simple, but a lot of people would rather make them simple issues for fear of what they might discover about themselves. Hence, it is not the asking of the questions about transsexuality within a religious sense that they fear the most, but the answering of our own questions about ourselves within a religious sense that we fear.

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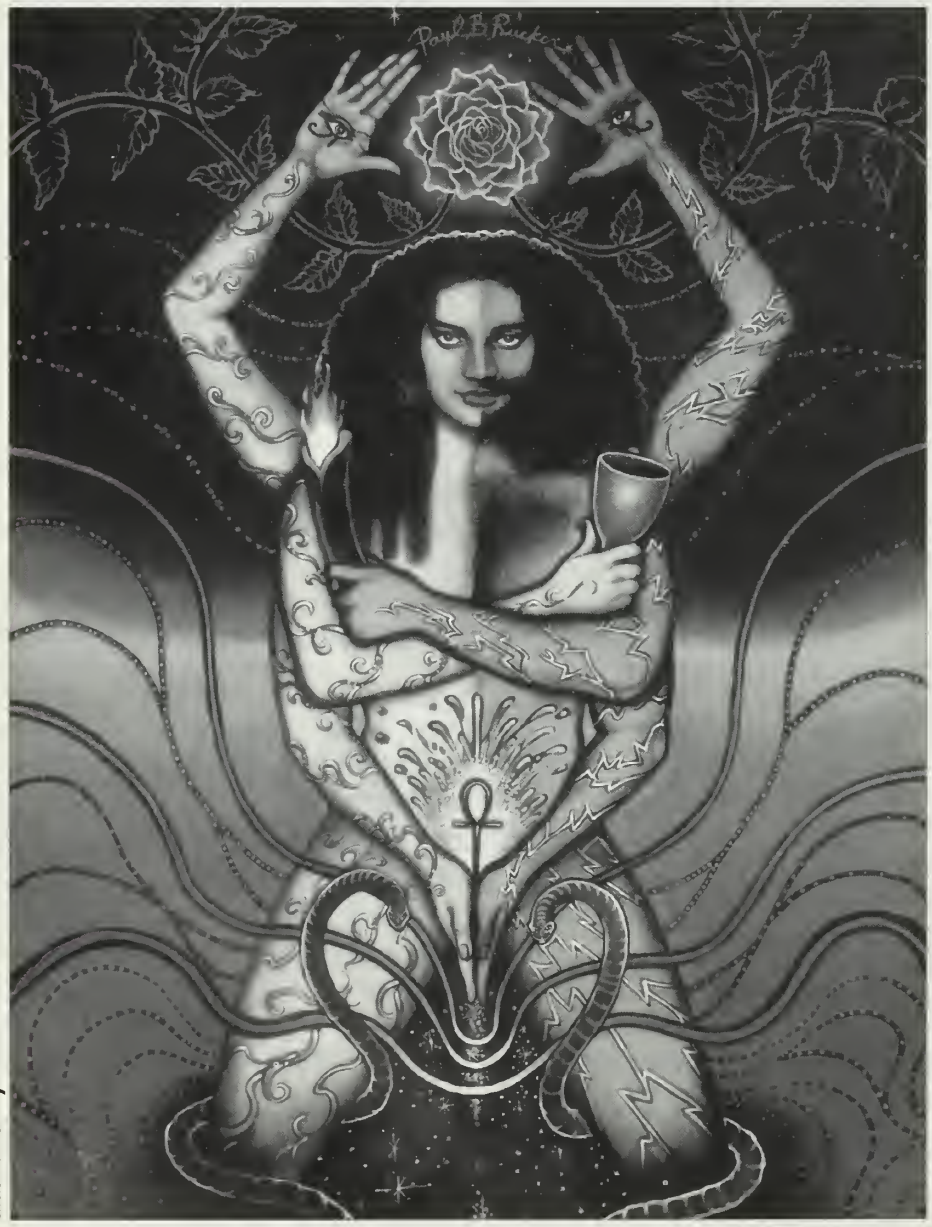
People of the Rainbow
Transgender in Magick & Ritual

by Paul B. Rucker

Until recently, "Transgender" has been one of the least-understood arenas of self-identification in both sexual and magical communities. However, many are now discovering in transgender a new kind of autonomy in transforming gender concepts, a new spectrum of gender choices, roles, and experiences. "Gender", as we know it, imposes fixed categories to sexuality and sexrole behavior. Transgender presents sexuality as a continuum, a fringe domain where the "gender outlaw" creates gender identity in his/her own image.



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"Identifying anatomy as the sole source of gender identity denies the power of imagination/ magick"

Gender - an emotional behavioral construct of roles and attitudes reflecting one's personal connection to one's sex— is typically imprinted on the growing child by tacit social consensus. This consensus consists of largely unchallenged ideas of who . males behave (being "a man") - and how females behave (being "a woman"). For most people, this makes sense, as so many other things appear binary as well— black and white, day and night, sun and moon, sea and land, ad infinitum. At first glance, one might think the world to be composed solely of a series of never-ending opposites.

People derive a dual Cosmos from binary vision: a GODDESS who is everything YIN in the world and a GOD who is everything YANG. Similarly, in monotheism, a GOD who is GOOD must still retain his "adversary" who is EVIL Perhaps we think that because "soul" is so

wonderful, its "opposite", "flesh", must be just awful. It follows that if one gender is identified with any particular thing, the other gender is then assigned to an "opposite". Only one gender gets to be "strong" at any one time. (Some people attempt to make up for this by claiming "male" energy represents exterior strength while "female" energy represents interior strength. This is just a subtler form of polarizing.)

But what is this that comes between day and night— rich and colorful, not light and not dark— it is the dawn, the dusk. Those stars we call planets can be seen at times by day as well as night, walking the Moon's road, bringing the Sun. The beach at the edge of sea and land is both, yet neither. What about that person? Is it a man or a woman? I can't tell!

The interval of things, the margin where one thing becomes another, that place of mystery, is also the place of magickal transgender. Trans-gender is the Third Place— the avenue of exploration branching away from duality, whose basis is the powerful energy of sexuality and eros, the energy that is our power to create, to define ourselves, to merge with All That Is.

Transgender is a fluid continuum it contains persons who identify as male or female who yet acknowledge the presence of the other sex in their personalities. It contains androgynes whose appearance and behavior are free of the restrictions of "male" and "female", sometimes referring to people who have blended the gender identities of both sexes.

Transgender can refer to people who evoke other genders than that of their set identity for specific occasions - theater, ritual, comedy, festivals, private magick. Transgender also includes biological hermaphrodites. An extreme commitment to crossing the gender polarity is shown by transsexuals— individuals who undergo tremendous challenge and incur great expense redesigning their anatomy to conform with their interior nature. Although the change is physically topological (the chromosomes remain as they were before), it creates a new organ functional enough to retain orgasmic capacity (and male-to-female transsexuals have fooled not a few gynecologists!). (Note: female-to-male operations are not yet as successful in this regard.)

Traditional cultures that have a place for transgendered people usually believe that one who contains both genders in him/herself is a living Bridge between all the polarities that exist. Just as s/he is thought to understand the ways of both men and women, so also s/he is thought to have access by nature to the realm of spirit and flesh. Called by such labels as *hijra*, *nadle*, *winkte*, and *berdache*, transgendered people are usually shamans, counsellors, artists, *heyokas* (sacred clowns), and tribal elders.

Just as the Rainbow is evoked as that Bridge between sky and earth, the "people of the Rainbow" (the transgendered) serve as Living Bridges between "Above" and "Below".

In occult terminology, adepts create the *antahkarana*— "the Bridge of Rainbows" - between the Third Eye and the Crown chakras, when their meditative practice attains a certain level of integration and regularity. The creative power of the libido, originating in the sexual chakra, focuses in the "form-making" body, the prism of the Inner Eye— the most powerful magick begins in the one and is given final shape in the other.

Work with transgender is one of the most potent ways available for creating changes in the magickal mind. I define magick as bending and shaping our realities— making visible changes through psychic means. It is about achieving lucidity in our collective dream. To make changes in reality that generate new options, one must cultivate an inclusive attitude toward diversity in oneself and others! A larger personal universe contains more opportunities to fulfill one's True Will.

Magickians understand that one must step outside the limits of the mass culture in which they live to incorporate the premises that make their Work possible. This entails removing cultural prohibitions where appropriate.

A "commodity" culture such as ours bases itself on scarcity and proffers only *either-or* choices. As Naomi Wolf says in Fire With Fire: "Either/or thinking is the natural mental reaction to a perception of scarcity... when people feel rich in confidence and space; they dare to pursue the subtleties of... *both/and* thinking."

A healing alternative to "scarcity consciousness" is called a "gift" economy: everyone participates in and supports the organism of community by the exchange of gifts and by rituals that affirm the clan-bond. In such societies the transgendered person flourishes, for transgender is not seen as a pathology but as a gift.

Transgender as a magickal stance resists and diverts the *falseself* coding of How Things Ought To Be. Mitch Walker uses the term "falseself" in *Visionary Love* to describe gender-based identities imposed on people by society in exchange for ontological security: "safety of being". Without some framework to contain reality, the average awareness would collapse; thus people collude in creating agreed-on notions of How Things Ought To Be. But, as Carlos Casteneda's Don Juan states, the very fabric of this reality coding must be disrupted— he calls this "stopping the world"— in order to bring through the magickian's intent— the power to shape reality.

Transgender *stops the world.*

It refutes both Freud's famous fiat, "Anatomy is Destiny" and its inverse, "Destiny is Anatomy". Identifying anatomy as the sole source of gender identity denies the power of imagination/magick to shape alternatives. (Both words are derived from the Indo-European root MAGH -- "To Make or Be Able".)

"Our culture has sacrificed enough individuals on the altar to the Gender Archons," says Black Cat, a self-described "Gnostic Magickian", who applies the Gnostic view that the soul is beyond gender as we know it to her magickal philosophy and her workings.

Others, such as myself, prefer to consider gender as a concept that can be grasped, if only to permeate existing constructs and be poured into new containers. I consider myself an eclectic *shakta* -- a devotee of the Shakti, the Goddess energy pervading the universe. In the Hindu cosmology, every God has his Shakti, without whom he cannot move. I entertain the idea that all male Gods have a Shakti, a consort or female self who is the root of their ability to act as powers in our reality.

I also believe that male magickians are strengthened in their calling when they consciously evoke their Shakti from within. Unifying male/female etc. energies in one's magickal being provides one of the most direct and daring routes to expressing the true and whole inner self. (I have no problem with being biologically male— I have a big problem with what that is supposed to mean.)

To a leader of a local Pagan men's group, I suggested that a truly brave activity— and thus a more potentially transforming one— for a men's circle would not be to sit around and talk/drum/wonder "what a man really is"— but for the men involved to "stop the world" of their gender identity and perform a ritual in the garb and persona of their patron Goddesses— which is the expression we use for what I would call our Shaktis.

I have myself Bridged two Goddesses in ritual: Ereshkigal and the Snow Queen. I evoked the Queen of Death for a private initiation in which the High Priestess was also transgendered, representing Anu, God of the Air. Although I was never fully possessed as some people can be, the Queen was Drawn upon me and I saw with Her eyes and my own. As one of the faces of Death, she is in a certain sense the one who "holds the bottom line". I remember a severe and somber sense of authority, coupled with an intuitive connection between making life from out of me, yet calling it back to rest in shadow. Ereshkigal spoke of being the primal void, and the one who existed "before the count of time began". I saw her nature inside me as if it were a hologram made of feeling. Most definitely she was not my normal self.

Neither was the Snow Queen, who for me embodies coldness, isolation, and a wildness that cares nothing for emotion. This aspect was far more conscious, not as intuitive, and was Bridged for a public Yule ritual. In the process, I released the analogous emotions I was feeling at the time. (Actively living myth in group ritual is often therapeutic.)

To some it may have seemed that all I had done was put on "female" clothing to play a transvestite role. I consider myself to have made my Inner Goddess visible as a wholly-integrated portion of myself. The classic male transvestite polarizes the genders within himself— in wearing the clothes associated with the opposite sex, he courts "her" who is part of himself as a separate entity: a phantom other woman. He retains a separate, publicly male identity.

In itself, transvestitism does not indicate changes in gender identity, although it is one of the tools a transgendered person can use to indicate such changes. For a male-to-female transsexual, clothing, hormones, and surgery constellate as the means to correct a discrepancy between a female interior and a male anatomical exterior. Such a person seeks not to engage in further polarizing, but to fully embody the female/Goddess self.

In the ritual contexts I have described, my appearance "in character" was a tool— a method for helping me (temporarily) achieve the psychological identity with the Goddess role that, on the inner planes, made my activity a true manifestation of my Shakti.

Pagans who subscribe to a purely binary concept of the world and its Powers seem to project those magickal qualities which they see as not belonging to their gender roles onto their partners. Exclusivity based purely on gender declares that no man can ever be May Queen, no woman the Green Man. The ontological security of Wicca in particular depends upon a hetero-sexist view of the universe, but where does that leave a person who agrees in heart and soul with everything Wicca has to offer except for the expectations laid upon him/her because of his/her biological sex?

There are many kinds of fertility, more than one outcome from a meeting of the sexes. Imagine how different our practice of ritual would be if our primary definition of fertility involved the Flowering and Fruiting of Creativity itself, as opposed to the mere perpetuation of seasonal rituals unconnected to the cycles of the creative inner self. We can't fall into the mistake of thinking that modern circumstances and knowledge will condone our aping the past. To make Pagan Culture a viable culture, all means possible must be used to adapt the wisdom of the past to the needs of the present.

In a Pagan Magickal context, there are three essential ways to be fruitful:

1) A physical child is conceived. This is the consequence of heterosex and, as Nature has it, is an essentially random act. It is not considered an act of magickal will unless invested with that significance by the people involved.
2) A Magickal Child is conceived. This is said to be the esoteric goal of Tantric Yoga (the so-called "Yoga of Sex"): two people merge their energy fields such that a third psychic entity, the "child" of their combined energy, is formed. The Magickal Child exists in essence on the astral plane, although sometimes a physical child is deliberately conceived to be the vehicle for this being. As a discipline of unification, Tantra translates the energies of physical reproduction to a subtler form. I am given to understand that any variety of gender couplings can create a Magickal Child, although "orthodox" Tantra insists on male-female pairings.
3) An "Interior Wedding" takes place, a *Hieros Gamos*, a uniting of the male and female within, with one's own Self the Child of that union. Ancient mysticism called this giving birth to oneself. This second birth initiates a more holistic personality, transgendered or androgynous, encom-passing and surpassing the activities and perceptions of either sexual pole. The transgendered person is therefore a gestalt of sorts— "the whole is more than the sum of its parts". Aleister Crowley believed the advent of the New Aeon, the Age of Horus, was in part represented by the Androgyne: " ... two sexes in one person throughout, so that each individual is self-procreative sexually ... the formula is now Love in all cases; and the end is the beginning, on a higher plane." (From *Magick In Theory and Practice.*)

Transgender, as I understand it, serves several social and psychological functions. It cultivates the growth of one's sense of interior power, especially in life phases where changing gender concepts is vital to one's growth or healing or moving ahead in one's life story. In fact, it can be an incandescent experience to watch someone blossom and fruit in the space created by transgender, which frequently helps people to give themselves "permission" to be creative, to be inwardly fertile.

A concomitant function of transgender is to evoke what is normally inaccessible within, as many "shadow strengths" are often bound into our personal concepts of "the other gender(s)". Transgender can express affiliation with Gods and Goddesses and Behavior Models both for ourselves and for others; my rituals served this mode.

Transgender can inspire— again, oneself and others. Transgender keeps mystery alive. In ritual, contacting Divine Mystery is one of its essential services. Consider the myriad Godforms dedicated to the transgendered Mystery: Baphomet, Hermaphroditus/"The Bearded Aphrodite", Coyote, Loki (who assumed the form of a mare as did the Welsh Gwydion), Tiresias, Pomba Gira, Oshumare, Xochiquetzal, Uranus, Dian-Y-Glas (the "Blue God" of Faerie), Krishna as the seductress Mohini, and Shiva Ardhanarishvara, "The Lord whose Half is Woman" -- depicted as all male (Shiva) on the right and all female (Shakti) on the left. Transvestite deities include Thorr, Herakles, Baal, etc.

Transgender also entertains— this is one of the few sacred places left for transgender in our culture at large. The word "entertain" means "to maintain, to hold together, to hold in-between". Drag Queens may have a far more sacred role than we usually admit!

In closing, I would like to share one of the powerful visions given to the late Celie Mahu Edwards, a transsexual visionary performance artist. These dreams really happened to her; she was driven from their ferocity to make art performances— based on the revelations they meant to her. Many of her visions began in peace and ended in pain and premonitions of death— the dying of her cells, for instance, became a flow of lava engulfing her, melting even her bones.

In one vision, the spirit of a black transsexual woman told her, "The earth has no immune system left. We have brought up her diamonds and rubies and precious metals -- these are the immune system of the earth." The spirit also said, "We have stolen the place of transgendered, gay, lesbian, bisexual— all queer people— these are the immune system of humanity. People who have died of AIDS and people who are living with AIDS are the people chosen to cry one tear for the universe, for this planet, and for all humanity."

Is it possible for this planet, for humanity, for this universe, to have tears this big?

Precious metals - precious people ... how ironic that this person would have been honored in another culture for her transgendered status and for her art, and for her Visions; in *our* culture Celie was terrified of being labeled clinically insane. It is very possible that she saw a vital part of the truth behind our world's crises.

Magickal people know better. We are in truth a people of the Gift, and the more we honor our splendid variations, the fuller we will grow in the Pagan experience.

Author's Note: ***This article leans heavily toward the male-to-female end of the spectrum because that is my personal experience, my primary source of external information. Space does not permit the fullest elaboration of this subject.***

Computer Chronicles:
Surfing Through the TG BBs

by Brenda Thomas

This article explains a little about what one needs in hardware and software in order to get onto the Computer Bulletin Board Systems, or BBSs. It will explain what some of the thresholds are in costs and skill to get on-line.

Let's start with hardware. Any basic computer should work to access a BBS. I even used my old 8088 when I was active on Prodigy, one of the bigger and older systems. For those of you not familiar with processors, an 8088 was one of the very first processors ever made. I doubt that anyone even uses technology that old these days. So let's just say, If you have a computer, you have a third of what it takes to access.

The second item you need to access is a modem. Modems come in different baud rates. That, my dear brothers and sisters, is the speed with which your modem communicates with other modems. Modems come in 300, 1200, 2400, 9600, 14,400 and 28,800 baud. Forget anything under 2400. Use 2400 only if you are operating on a poverty system. The standard these days is 14,400 or 28,800. A good 14,400 baud modem has a going price of under $100.00. I paid around $79.97 for mine several months ago.

The third piece of equipment you need to access is a communications program. Again, there are many out there you can use. They will range in price from free, if you have a friend who has access to a BBS that has files, to around $150.00. I accessed with an old 8088, a 2400 baud modem and a free ware program called ProComm, many years ago. ProComm has grown to ProComm+, and ProComm+ for Windows. In my humble opinion, it is one of the best communications programs on the market today. Price ranges from $70 to $130 depending on the area of the country you are in.

The other item you might want is an Off Line Reader, usually called an OLR. Again, there are many on the market, some commercial, some freeware, some shareware. I personally use Bluewave, a shareware product.

Let's look at these items one at a time.

Modems

Looking through my latest catalog from Micro Center, I see modems listed from $59.95 for a 14,400 to $269.00 for a 28,800. These come in internal and external configuration. Both are good choices depending on your machine. I use an internal, but then some computers do not have room for an internal modem and you must use an external one. They are easy to hook up, just plug in to the board, plug in the phone line and you are up and running. You may have to do a little fine tuning to be sure that you get the right ports, etc. Relax, they all come with very good instructions. Some brands listed are: Sportster, Hayes, Zoom, US Robotics, Practical Peripherals and Viva. I use a Viva, but the choice is up to you.

> "The Internet gives you access to over 7000 newsgroups & usergroups"

Communication

Here, there is a greater variety of goodies. There are some programs available as shareware on BBSs, Telix is one that comes to mind. In the stores, Smartcom for Windows lists at $44.95, ProComm+ for Windows lists at $129.95. Delrina Communications Suite, Comm Works for Windows, ProComm+ for DOS, Carbon Copy for DOS or Windows, the choice is yours. One feature you would probably want to consider is the capability of FAX with your communications program and with your modem. You would also want to look at the availability of viewing TIF files. While downloading, ProComm+ for Windows has this capability, along with many others. Q-Modem is available for either DOS or Windows also.

Off Line Readers

Where do we start? OK let's talk about what they are first. They do just what they say they do, allow you to read your BBS mail without being on-line to your BBS. So what? you say. Well, if you are limited in time, say 30 minutes per hook up on your BBS, you could easily spend the entire 30 minutes reading mail. With my OLR, I can dial up a BBS in Atlanta, sign on, down-load 150 to 600 messages and be off line in three to five minutes.

If you have any questions you would like to ask me, feel free to write or e-mail.
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Besides saving BBS time, look at the long distance charges you have saved. Without an OLR, I would not be able to afford to call the Atlanta BBS, or the California BBS or several others. Most of the OLRs are found on a BBS and easily downloaded. There is usually a free evaluation period, up to 90 days to get familiar with it before you are required to register the program.

I am not contemplating piracy here, but I notice lots of people NEVER register their OLR. This is something that you should not do. Shareware writers rely on people registering their products so they can continue to develop improvements. Most OLR programs when registered will allow different functions not available on the evaluation copy, and they will also keep you updated to new technology. It's worth it to pay for it.

Expertise

Ah, here is where we get the good stuff. Let me tell you, I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT COMPUTERS. I cannot program, I am not up to date on DOS. I can load a program and read instructions, and that is about as good as it gets. Lots of times I have to ask for help, but I readily find it on the BBS that I am on. So you do not need to be a guru to be able to access boards and have a lot fun.

BBSs

Let's talk a minute about what is available in the gender area on BBSs. FIDOnet has a GENDER area that is available nationally (I am in the process of getting an XDRESS area also available nationally on FIDOnet). Throbnet has a TRANSSEXUAL and CROSS-DRESSING area available, not to mention the other approximately 500 areas on each net. Also there is FEMNET available in some areas of the country. Many BBSs these days also have Internet access. Internet access gives you access to over 7000 newsgroups and usergroups, including: alt.transgendered, soc.-support.transgendered, cd-forum, transactive-l, to name a few in the gender area. Also there is Prodigy, America On Line, Compuserve, Delphi, Genie. All of the services listed above have a gender area available.

Finding a BBS

The best place to find a BBS in your area would probably be from two magazine sources: *Connect* and *Boardwatch*. Both post a list of BBSs in most areas. Problem is, there are over 10,000 BBSs in the US, and consequently the listings are sometimes by area, monthly. With a little looking around, you can find them easily. Many local newspapers are listing BBSs in their area these days.

Recapping

You are on a budget, you have a computer, 14,400 modem $59.95, free Q Modem Software, a Shareware OLR (registration fee $25), total costs $85.00 to get started. Dial up a local BBS (most ask for a donation of around $25 to $50 per year board registration—many are free). Total costs are now at $105 for a year's-worth of excitement. Add in long distance charges— mine stay at less than $10.00 per month— less my AT&T True USA Savings, again, less than $100 per year. So, for a couple of hundred dollars a year, or less than $20.00 per month, I have turned into a BBS-addict. I have met hundreds of gender-gifted individuals throughout the United States. What more fun could a woman ask for, unless for the same price I could get a year's worth of clothing.

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A Weekend with Emily

by V.T. Keller

It's about
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I think it's about
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We were in my car moving a little above the speed limit on a state highway in northern Indiana farm country. Emily was driving, her long blonde hair brushed back by the wind. Even though it was hot in the car, she drove confidently, accompanying her animated talk with frequent quick jabs of the hand with one ring on it. Dressed in a light blouse and denim shorts, lightly made up with a pale red lipstick, she looked like typical Indiana farm wife somewhere in her forties. Indeed, Emily is a farm girl taking care of her farmer father's house. The only difference being that she is actually a male and an important member of the transgendered community, the world of those millions of Americans who are neither conventionally heterosexual or homosexual, the very complex world of crossdressers and transsexuals.

Emily was driving my car so that I could interview her as we drove to Chicago for the monthly meeting of a cross-dresser's society to which we both belong. With some effort, I had been able to arrange the interview, convinced that it would shed much light on the realities of the transgender world which I had joined little more than a year before. She responded to my preliminary questions with some restraint.

How old are you? Around fifty. Education? Five years at Purdue in chemistry and agriculture. Work experience? Four years in the navy, farm tool salesman, steel mill worker, grain elevator operator, fertilizer plant manager, farm operator. Skills? Could arc weld a plow and crochet a pot holder, repair an engine and cook a Thanksgiving dinner. Likes? To roam the country on her R-90 BMW bike, hike, dance, and buy clothes.

Then the questions became deeper and the answers more complex. What is your gender identity? The general answer for the male transgendered is either cross-dresser (CD), a male (generally heterosexual) who at least occasionally dresses and acts like a female, or a transsexual, a male who is striving completely to change sex and gender, most radically through an operation that modifies the male genitals to be like those of a female. There are also a number of females who strive to become males. I was aware that such distinctions simplify a diverse population—there are men who crossdress as a pleasurable hobby, and for others crossdressing is a necessary expression of self.

Emily's answer, however, was even more complex than I anticipated. Reminding me that people generally have more than one identity, she described herself as a secondary transsexual, or as a transgendered or bigendered person. Later, she recalled that she had actually considered surgery to change her sex and had gone to Trinidad, Colorado with a friend to witness the friend's sexual reassignment surgery. This experience and further thought convinced her that she was not ready either for the risks and pains of the surgery, or for the following lifetime of possible medical complications and of probable social problems along with the certainty of continuous medication. Fortunately, there are other options for the transgendered person. She decided not to make changes in her body (not even to the extent of eliminating body hair through electrolysis) while at the same time determining to live nearly full-time as a woman, creating a woman's appearance and life as fully as possible.

How long had she been Emily? The answer was that she had been evolving over the last seven years. What had led her to the decision? A chance viewing of an interview on television in 1984 of some early spokespersons for the transgendered community. Here, she learned two important facts. One was that most people who had the feelings she was experiencing were not homosexuals,

but were heterosexual males who preferred women and often were married to women. Second, that there were others like herself who were experiencing the strong yearnings which she had confronted in loneliness before. She began to discover an exciting new world which could supply desperately needed support and affirmation.

Why was she the way she was? A more frequent and hostile form of this question (asked by hostile homosexuals as well as by straights) is one confronted by every cross-dresser at some point. Why do you want to do something as queer as to look and act like a woman? Normally, this is a question which never gets fully answered, and this time was no exception. Emily said that one cause was her early belief that her mother wanted a girl, one re-enforced by the fact that during her most formative years she was closely associated with her mother. Though no direct effort was made to raise Emily as a female, she absorbed the massage that to please her mother meant to be a girl. We both seemed to agree that while this was probably a factor, in many cases cross-dressers were made in the womb, their basic disposition wired into them before birth. Even though they grew up as males, there was from the beginning a female side of themselves which became suppressed as the world imposed its gender stereotypes on them.

These explanations did not entirely satisfy Emily, who insisted that there was much we did not yet understand. Before we could discuss this fully, however, Emily had decided to stop at a shopping center to look in some fabric shops. While it interrupted the interview, I was pleased that Emily was willing to take me, a novice crossdresser unsure of how I looked in women's clothing, into the stores with her. (Later I learned that this was a kind of ritual of initiation to which she had been introduced by her own mentor.) Before we had finished, we had been in two fabric shops, a clothing store, and (challenge of challenges) a K-mart without having been "read" as males by anyone.

Emily was to point out that likely this came less from any skill on our parts than from the indifference of most people to such things, unless they are provoked by some outrageous dress or behavior. But it was a thrilling experience for me, so much so that I lost some of my determination to conduct a formal interview, and for the next few hours Emily and I simply talked about many things (other than sports) as friends. We drove quickly on the expressway through Chicago to the the meeting at a suburban motel.

There we had time for a spaghetti dinner at a nearby restaurant. As it was a warm, pleasant Saturday night, the place was packed with families, and we had to wait before we were seated—again without apparently having been read by the patrons. Possibly the hostess did recognize us for what we were. If so, she may have deliberately seated us in an area served by a waiter who was gay. In any case, he was a friendly person who seemed to have no trouble referring to us as "ladies."

Then we went to the meeting. Emily had packed a picnic basket full of food, and we picked up potato chips, napkins, and drinks at a nearby supermarket for the group. She probably had done basically the same thing many times for this and other gatherings—the experienced provisioner who always provided. The group was a chapter of the national cross-dressing sorority Tri-Ess, or the Society for the Second Self. This Chicago chapter was the largest of the many scattered throughout America, along with a number of other societies that include transsexuals as well as cross-dressers in their membership.

Although the chapter had a total membership of nearly 300, less than fifty sisters were at this meeting. The summer months were a slack time of organized CD activity; many were vacationing with their families and others were discouraged by the long hours of daylight (cross-dressers have been compared to vampires in that they come out only at night, when they are less likely to be read). Even with so small a group, there was much diversity from such small matters as earrings, some wore dangling ones and others did not, to hair and wigs, and up through occupation and education—although on this point a disproportionately large number of CDs are in business or the professions. The president of the group was a plumpish, gray-haired lawyer clad casually in a rather frumpy dress, a long-time CD who had done much to organize the movement as well as to serve as its legal advisor. She had us introduce ourselves and then thank someone in the group whose service we appreciated; Emily received the praise of several as the "Julia Child" of the chapter. Among those who stood up was Patrice, a graceful, six-foot-three-incher who had been a cover girl on a recent issue of *Tapestry Journal*, the respectable alternative to the generally sleazy, exploitive magazines.

Each member seemed to be in a different stage of expressing their identity. They included one recently lamed by a heart attack who nonetheless appeared dressed in a nineteenth-century garden-party dress complete with a delightful picture hat, and several other elderly "girls," one probably in her seventies who had come to the meeting on her motorcycle from Green Bay, Wisconsin, 200 miles away. There were also a few wives of members, and two young CDs dressed in their male garb who had come for the first time to investigate the group. Each seemed ready to come "dressed" the next time. And there was a young CD in a green dress who was afflicted with something like cerebral palsy to the extent that she could hardly speak; yet she had driven all the way

from Springfield to get to the meeting accompanied by a special friend, a wheel-chair-bound young woman. Each seemed to complement the other.

Part of the meeting was formal, featuring an intense discussion of two familiar concerns relating to public meeting places for CDs. One was the need to avoid offending the public by outrageous forms of dress, especially what some called "tramp drag." The other was perhaps the most persistent issue confronting the movement, how to assure a non-offending right to use women's restrooms, men's toilets being obviously out of the question for the fully dressed male-to-female CD. One major CD organization had only recently threatened to move its meeting to another city when the hotels closed their public restrooms to the group. It was able to change the policy. There was much anger among members at two unidentified CDs who, at a recent meeting in a hotel, had violated the carefully drawn rules regarding such matters and had cost the group the future use of the hotel.

On the positive side, members spoke warmly of a recent article in a Chicago paper titled, "Cross-Dressers make Good Husbands," expressing a basic Tri-Ess tenet. Much of the time was spent socializing as old friends exchanged accounts of their lives since the last meeting, normally nothing that would excite the interest of the prurient mind. While Emily was engaged in a non-stop conversation with the numerous members who came to speak to her, I was meeting some people, including a teacher recently divorced and also a very special person whom I had met once before, Amanda, the father of numerous children, successful business person, and one of the best looking ladies one would ever see.

By eleven o'clock, most members had departed, leaving Emily and a few others to clean up and pack up. Soon after, we were on our way to an apartment in another suburb where Emily had arranged for us to spend the night. This apartment, it turned our, also served as a dressing place for the transgendered, and in the early morning hours two young CDs arrived after a period of bar-hopping. One was dressed in a mini-skirt and high-heels, apparently cruising for a date.

Seeing this young, sexy girl transform herself into an ordinary looking male reminded me of how difficult it is for CDs to step out of their treasured clothes.

Well into the morning hours, Emily and I sat in our nightgowns and talked. I was anxious to learn more about her life, especially about the part-time business which she had developed as a trader of CD literature, part of her larger function as a purveyor to our community, not only of food, but of books and pamphlets relating to transgendered affairs. Much of the talk, however, involved matters of religion and spirit, especially about how the experience and personality of cross-dressers could contribute to human spirituality. Both of us were aware of a much-quoted statement of Camille Paglia's, that while women who dressed in men's clothing were seeking power, men who dressed in women's clothing were seeking God. For Emily this meant especially the god within, since she believed that we were all, as she put it, "sunbeams of God," beings whose goodness and happiness was in the process of becoming.

On a less exalted level, we agreed that cross-dressing was a way to heal our divided souls by satisfying our long-suppressed but stubbornly powerful feminine side. Again, Emily had given careful thought to the matter. For her, women's clothing was an instrument that helped us males to break away from our narrow gender roles and to get in touch with our female side. Ultimately, it is a way in which we can rebuild our personalities to match our real selves. Far from being a sickness or a sin, cross-dressing is a way to escape to a healthier balance of the masculine and feminine aspects of humanness and away from the sickness of narrow social conventions.

We did not get started home until mid-morning. Emily wore a plain but pretty dress, simple earrings, and tennis shoes, while I put on the same jeans and striped blouse of the day before. Again, Emily drove as I continued the interview, looking especially for more understanding of her participation in the affairs of the CD community. Besides being a member of six different transgender groups, and the food and literature giver for at least two of them at their monthly meetings, she was an active participant in various regional and national meetings. Over the last eight months, she had been to Detroit, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Chicago, Grand Rapids, Ashville and Washington, DC. The Philadelphia meeting was the annual working convention of IFGE, while the Washington journey involved the recent march of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and the Transgendered for human rights and equality.

As she described her participations, her blue eyes glowed with enthusiasm, particularly when she described her part in carrying the banner of the transgender community in the march, a coming out that she hoped would help educate the public about us. Indeed, it was apparent that her chosen mission was to educate people to understand and accept the transgendered, to get the whole matter of transgenderism into the public consciousness. In pursuit of that goal, she had spoken to several college classes and on radio shows as well as disseminating information and literature wherever she could. She is one of numerous spokes-persons for the transgendered cause.

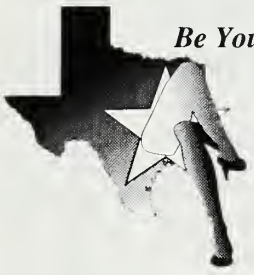
She talked with such enthusiasm that for a time we both forgot about having breakfast, but by one o'clock, we were getting hungry and thirsty. Anxious to get home, I persuaded her to stop at a White Castle. It wasn't until we entered that I realized I had chosen perhaps the most perilous place possible. Along with various families, and their young, curious children, was a group of teenage males, a major threat to crossdressers. We had to stand and wait for our orders, I was sure that the young man who had taken our order had read us.

Fortunately, we were ignored by everyone—except the young man who had taken our order. Before we left, he came over to where we were eating to sweep the floor. In the process, he dropped a note on our table. Emily looked at it and put it aside. Did it say, "Get the hell out of this place, you queers," or something like that? I didn't want to ask Emily, and she kept quiet about it. (Later, to my chagrin, she told me that she was concerned that the maleness of my voice and behavior were attracting attention.) It wasn't until we had gotten back to the car that she showed me the note. Printed in pencil on lined paper were the words, "YOU LADIES ARE LOVELY. YOU ARE FABULOUS." Throughout the trip we had been treated politely, but this was the greatest praise of all.

It was a great way to bring our trip to an end. We drove toward Emily's farm, I was on Cloud Nine, but before we reached our destination I began to recognize a somber note in the conversation. Especially when she recalled her sadness in not being able to introduce herself to a woman to whom as a male she had been drawn, I came to appreciate the sacrifices which she was making to be true to herself. Unlike the majority of crossdressers, who keep their activity secret from most of the world, Emily had chosen to dress openly, and this had deprived her of possible relationships with women as well as the esteem of most men, excluding her from the normal world of jobs and opportunities.

After we had reached her home and I was getting ready to leave, we hugged each other. I felt both love and reverence for her, but as we said our goodbyes, I sensed that she did not realize how much people like me respected her. Who was she? A sinner, a servant, a saint? To me, she is a saint, a true servant of humanity. But this she will not and cannot see. In her view, she is merely giving to others what she had received from her own mentors: solace for the pain and understanding for the confusion of being different.

What, essentially is her life all about? At one point in our conversation, she gave her answer. "It's about love. Love of self, love of others, love of life, love of the god aspect in all of us. I think it's about love."



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A Man by Any Other Name:
an F2M Speaks Out

by Shadow Morton

In the explorations I have made in this process of claiming my right to my gender identification, I have discovered some of my biggest roadblocks to be words.

"I am NOT a Transsexual. I am a Metamorph"

As humankind has grown, and technologies advanced, our world has become increasingly smaller. Cultures have clashed and melded, and language has always been a barrier. People have struggled for hundreds of years trying to convey abstract ideas and different experiences to others who do not fully comprehend their language. Different words for complex ideas. No words for experiences never felt before. It is no surprise that language continues to be a barrier. How is it that we can expect others to understand our experiences, when we haven't the words, or even the same meaning to the words, to express who we are?

There are many of us in the transsexual communities who are becoming aware of the words used to define us, and just what the implications of those definitions are. The seemingly simple task of definition is reaching a heated point in our communities, as well as in the medical and government communities. How to define those who walk this path. This Path. What is this Path?

The medical and government communities, in their struggle to grasp some explanation of our lives, have settled on three words that delineate three groups:

Transvestites (or cross-dressers)
are those who occasionally wear the clothing of the opposite gender, usually for fetish purposes;

Transgenders (transgenderists)
are those who dress and behave on a regular basis as a person of the opposite gender. However, they do not choose to alter their physical structure.;

Transsexuals
live as persons of the opposite gender on a full-time basis, and also seek to alter their structural appearance with the aid of hormone therapy and surgeries.

To compound our problem, the media have taken hold of the supposed novelty of our existence and carried these words to the public; but not with a clear delivery of these definitions. The public can only struggle to try to understand. Many give up. It is much easier to ignore the situation. But I'm not the public. These definitions apply to my life directly. And I do not accept any of these words as banners labeling or defining my life or any experience.

So, I went in search of a word that I could hold up to the public, the government, and the doctors to tell the story of my situation more accurately.

First, I looked at the word handed to me, and tried to discover exactly what about it didn't fit for me. The word transsexual, when viewed with other words that it is often associated with, implies that it has to do with my sexuality:

Homo*sexuals*
have sex with a person of the same gender;

Bi*sexuals*
desire sex with a person of both genders;

Hetero*sexuals*
have sex with a person of the opposite gender.

All of these words have to do with the act of sex, and with whom the act is likely to take place. So: does this mean that a trans**sexual** is a person who desires sex with a person who is changing gender? Or, with a person who wants to change their sexuality to the opposite persuasion?

I find one of the most difficult points to get across to persons who are curious about this experience is that sex and gender are two very different things! This is also assuming there are only two genders! That thought alone makes the general public blink. You

can sit and watch their brain synapses firing rapidly as they try desperately to comprehend. Most people have never thought about it. You mean, there are more than two?

A Language Barrier

Now, my gender has always been male. I have not suffered any "dysphoria" about this. I have certainly encountered confusion, but that has mostly been due to the outside influences of everyday society that have told me something was wrong; that I was somehow defective. That confusion came from the conflict between my demeanor and my morphological structure—having a female body. In the years I have taken to explore this phenomenon about myself, and through the pains I have taken to discover who I am, I decided that the only solution was to change my structure to match my gender. Changing the gender to match the body had failed miserably on many occasions.

Making that decision has brought me to look at the words that other people have chosen to define me. It has forced me to look at the words I use to express to others what my life experience is. It is a Path that has led me to a word that I feel describes Me more accurately:

Metamorph

A metamorphosis occurs when a form changes into a different physical form. Hey! That sounds a lot closer to the mark to me. It's my physical form that I'm changing, not my sex or my sexuality, or my gender identity. So, when I go out into the world to talk to people about who I am, and what my journey is, I now take this word along with me as my shield and my banner. It is My word to describe Me—not the government's word; not the doctor's word. **My word.**

I feel strongly that it is important for a person to define himself. It is no one else's business but their own. And so, I offer to **all** the communities—medical, government, TS, TG, TV, media—not a new word, but perhaps a more accurate word.

I am not a transsexual, I am a **Metamorph!**

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The Nylon Police

by Jennifer Caine

I was a late bloomer to crossdressing. It wasn't until I was 35 years old that I realized that I needed to experiment with dressing up as a woman in public. My first experiment was to wear clogs and knee highs and drive by the local gay club. Why, I don't know. I'm hetero, but somehow it seemed like the right thing to do. The sensation of me knowing that I was in public, even though surrounded by the body of my Firebird, was a feeling that I never will forgot.

The big moment came when I was 36 and decided enough was enough, I was going out and walk around as a male, but underneath wearing a panty, girdle, bra and nylons. I guess you might say, "So what, who will know?" Ah, but this led me to believe that somewhere out there was a trained team of police officers looking for this great social abnormality of men wearing women's clothes. I know, they are the. . . **NYLON POLICE!**

I'm an intelligent young man (sometime girl), and well educated. I know that people out there don't have X-Ray vision, but the mind had convinced me that out there in that mall, as I began the long walk past the stores, the NYLON POLICE were waiting to catch me. As I walked along, I had a vision that at anytime a couple of plain clothes detectives would confront me:

Detective Joey Friday:
Sir, we would like to talk with you.

Me: What about?

Detective Matt Sunday:
I think you know.

Me: No I don't.

Detective Joey Friday:
We're on to you, sir.

ME: What about?

Detective Joey Friday:
We know about the nylons. Now, this can go the easy way or the hard way. Which way do you want it to go?

ME: OK, I have these veins and I need this extra support, see?

Detective Matt Sunday:
Hey, what do you take us for, stupid?

ME: Look, I'm just trying to explain.

Detective Joey Friday:
Sir, we're only interested in the facts. We know you wear nylons in public under your jeans. We are aware of the fact that you are enjoying it. You can either cooperate with us now, or we can deal with it at the station. What do you want to do?

ME: (breaking down in tears) I'm sorry, I didn't mean it!

Just as fast as I had created this fantasy in my mind, I found myself reaching the exit to the mall. I had walked past 40 stores thinking that every man in a sport coat was a member of the elite NYLON POLICE looking to question me about my actions that day. The panic was too much. I continued walking out the exit and got into my car, looking around as if the Boston Police Department had made available to the elite NYLON POLICE every extra officer and machine to track down the guy in the mall wearing nylons.

"I recall the ***panic. . .*** *I was responsible for the* ***decline*** *of democracy as we know it"*

It's funny now, but I can recall the panic that afternoon pulling off those nylons, feeling as if I was responsible for the decline of democracy as we know it. It took me about a year to recover. Now, eight years later, walking through the mall fully dressed as a woman, I still have a little thought in the back of my mind,

"Hey, Nylon Police look at me now!"

Shannon's Story

by Shannon

Partners of crossdressers all have their stories about discovering their loved I one's "other side" and coming to terms with it. Some have to work through painful feelings of inadequacy. Some have to learn to reject the basic philosophies they were taught growing up. Some are too afraid to accept any step outside the "norm" whatsoever. I guess I had it easy.

Speaking the language of stereotype and appearance, Ed is a very masculine individual. He is broad-shouldered, deep-chested and has a beard besides being pretty hairy in other places. He is a veteran and a former firefighter. He's strong and assertive. And he drives like a maniac.

But, he's also graceful. He listens. He meets a woman's eyes instead of her breasts. He's artistic, open-minded and compassionate. He'd rather have a deep conversation than watch a football game. (He'd also rather have a deep, jagged flesh wound than watch a football game, but that's beside the point.) So I knew he wasn't the typical male when I met him.

Clues as to just how atypical he was began to snag my attention. The long nails were the most obvious. A few days after we met, he painted them bright red for his Halloween persona, the Red Death. Here was this muscular male with an almost growly voice elegantly bearing his cigarette between the scarlet fingers of his upturned hand. I understand this would turn a lot of women off, but I was definitely, oh, how shall I say, *NOT* turned off.

His walk seized my attention easily. He moved with grace and confidence like more women should. When he was especially comfortable, he let his arm come up and his wrist dangle. I wondered what made him different.

He kept Kissing Slicks lip gloss in his bathroom. I somehow assumed he was using it, which was pretty foolish since the guy hired models for his period photographs. I don't know why. I just had a feeling.

I'd always been interested in psychology and sociology. I'd read from the Victorian studies to the modern studies, catching crossdressing here and there. But I was beginning to think I needed more information.

Then one day he was telling me a story from his recent past and he casually mentioned that he was "in heels at the time." Aha! I ran to Jean Barnes Books. They had a total of one book on crossdressing, Virginia Prince's *Understanding Cross-dressing*. Whatever people may think of this book now, it was almost the only positive information I had at the time. I raced through it at once (Yeah, Mom, just studying for that medical botany test...).

It was awhile before he dressed fully for me. At first, I just saw lipstick and earrings and maybe a satin robe. Many psychologists would consider me worse than an enabler because I did encourage it. Elizabeth was fun, but, more important, Ed was comfortable and uninhibited. Why would I be unnerved by a harmless act that imparts a sense of freedom to the one I love?

"If I want to wear pants no one calls me a Fag"

We started shopping for Elizabeth. We were circumspect and only had trouble at the Target store. They absolutely refused to waver from the policy of males with male clothes on the male side, females with female clothes on the female side, no mixing. That's okay; they charge far too much for cookie-cutter cotton-poly stitched by cross-eyed donkeys on heroin anyway (bitchy, bitchy...).

Now, every time I stop to look at clothes, I look for my size and Elizabeth's size. If I look through catalogs, I have two girls in mind. This Christmas I bought Ed presents and a silver sequined skirt for Liz. I like his crossdressing to be just one more thing we share (especially when I raid Elizabeth's jewelry box).

I get a little kick out of watching men navigate on their toes, adjust their bras and try to remember not to rub their mascaraed eyes. They have some idea how much work it is to follow the femininity rules, and they can empathize with women. I feel a camaraderie with crossdressing males that I couldn't possibly feel with a male who didn't dress.

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While I bristle at the appearance-oriented demands placed on women, I do realize we have more options when it comes to clothing. If I want to wear pants, no one calls me a "fag." Heck, if I wear a tie some people think it's "cute." But if Ed wanted to wear a comfortable denim skirt to the grocery store, people would laugh or be horrified. He might be thrown out of the store, not because he was harming anyone, but just because he was stepping outside society's clothing restrictions. Sounds silly to me.

I guess that's the main reason I find no difficulty accepting his crossdressing. It seems silly not to. Men throughout history have worn lace, ruffles, heels, wigs, or makeup at one time or another. This doesn't happen to be that acceptable right now, that's all.

I realize that breast-forms, etc. constitute a superficial gender transformation rather than just a flirtation with feminine clothing, but this seems such a small thing, too. I get frustrated with the girded gender-box society insists I inhabit. A lot of men do, too, and some of them react by "crossing over." I can never completely understand the reasons Ed needs to cross over, and maybe he'll never understand them fully. But I do understand the need to escape the box and all its asinine standards.

I crossdress myself once in awhile. I don't, however, think it contributes to my understanding, because it doesn't make me feel any different.

Based on some women's stories, I have the perfect reasons to feel threatened by Ed's crossdressing. I was a tomboy as a kid and I'm not exactly the most feminine of adults (only when I try very hard). I positively loathe makeup. I refuse to touch anything remotely resembling a bra, and I'm glad I can get away without one. I carry my trifold wallet in my pocket, and if you call my bookbag a purse, I'll deck you. I could easily assume I'm not "enough of a woman" to him and that he wants me to dress and act as Elizabeth does. But that's hogwash, mainly because Liz has been around a lot longer than I have.

I have to admit that one of the reasons I find it a breeze to live with Ed's crossdressing is probably because I don't see Elizabeth that often. When I come home, I see Ed first. Or rather, I push the big dog out of the way, I try to shut the little dog up and then I see Ed. Sometimes I miss Liz, which is better than missing Ed half the time.

I am aggravated that the attitudes of the general population force us to keep this a secret. The "straights" don't bother to learn anything about CDs, they simply offer immediate condemnation. The ingrained sexism behind this reprehension should make any woman furious.

Yes, I know there are other reasons for society's disapproval of cross-dressing, but this one rankles me the most. "Oh my god, he's trying to act like a, a woman! How disgusting. How HUMILIATING. Why would anyone want to mimic so pathetic a creature?" Grrrr...

An advantage of being the wife of a crossdresser is that he won't direct this kind of garbage at you. He doesn't consider assuming a feminine persona demeaning. He doesn't consider you inferior for being a woman. He is generally more sensitive. And he'll never say, "Honey, doll yourself up and step into those five inch heels. We're leaving in twenty minutes."

Ed's crossdressing isn't a burden I have to cope with. It adds to our relationship in positive ways. He is the most well-adjusted person I have ever known, probably because the masculine and feminine parts of him are not in conflict. Because he is in touch with that softer part of himself, he can let it out whether he's in a silk dress or camouflage pants. I love that.

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The '95 Be-All, an Insider's View

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What was it like your first time? Were you nervous? Frightened? Excited? Everyone of us Cross-Port girls, involved in planning and implementing our first Be All, felt all of these emotions and MORE. A year ago, when Linda Buten "volunteered" Cross-Port to hostess the 13th Be All, we nearly strangled her. What was she getting us into? A transgendered convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, the city synonymous with prosecuting Maplethorpe exhibits, *GQ*'s "Town without pity"? Well, why not? After all, her sobriquet had always been, the "Queen City"?

"A Close Encounter of the Transgender kind"

So, we hitched up our pantyhose and took up Arsenio's cry, "Let's ... get ... busy!" By the end of twelve hectic, speedy months, Cross-Port's Be All Committee had put together a gender event of which we were all proud, a Be All which laughed in the face of the number thirteen, a Be All which pleased and impressed, not only the ladies in attendance, but also the people in this midwest city who were fortunate enough to experience a close encounter of the transgendered kind.

Based at the Holiday Inn in the northern suburb of Sharonville, Ohio, Be All '95 began with the, now traditional, swim party on Wednesday June 7. (A note to those who support the boycotting of Cincinnati because of Issue 3: none of the Be All events took place within the boundaries of Cincinnati. We did not intentionally schedule it this way, but neither were we displeased by the fact.) Even that early in the Be All schedule, there were already seventy-seven girls registered. Of course, not all of them were bold enough to take a dip, but no one was hung out to dry for a lack of things to do, either. This area of Greater Cincinnati is blessed with three major shopping malls and numerous nightclubs, all less than ten minutes from the hotel. A few of the "early birds" made their way to hotel's sports bar and spent their first evening relaxing with friends.

By Thursday, attendance had increased to over 100. The seminars and vendors were up and running. Alison Laing, Richard Docter, Sandra Cole, and Be All icon, Naomi Owen, headlined the presenters. From 10:30AM to 4:45PM, eleven seminars were held by the variously talented speakers. A fantastic fashion show complimented Thursday's luncheon,

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presenting one-of-a-kind creations from the Thing Shop, modeled by some of Cross-Ports loveliest ladies. By late afternoon, most of the guests were scurrying about getting makeovers, having their nails done, and styling their wigs. At 6:30PM, the last tour bus pulled away from the hotel, headed for the Kentucky border and the dinner cruise on the beautiful Ohio River. The TG gods (and goddesses) certainly were looking out for the Be All. Throughout the day, clouds had darkened the skies and rain had come in scattered, but heavy thunderstorms. But, by the time the boat left its berth, the skies had

brightened and the horizon had cleared. The Be All had the craft to itself, assuring that the dinner and the hospitality were excellent.

Friday's registration inched up to one hundred thirty-seven and, once again, the seminars were well attended. Sheila Kirk, M.D., JoAnn Roberts, Mariette Pathy Allen, and Douglas Ousterhout, M.D., all enlightened and enthralled their audiences. The keynote speaker at the afternoon's luncheon was Transsexual Menace founder (and Queen City native), Riki Anne Wilkins. Her encouraging words will continue to reverberate through the transgender community, and the general population, for a long time.

By the time "cocktail hour" arrived, the hotel was buzzing with talk of the evening's entertainment: the first Miss Be All competition ever held. Some were concerned that it would merely be, at best, a mediocre talent contest. Others were less optimistic, but everyone was curiously awaiting the event. Before the show began, the opportunity was taken to recognize and thank those responsible for this event coming to pass. First to be called was Heather Peerson, who founded Cross-Port ten year ago. Then Joyce Schwab, guiding force of Cross-Port, was given the group's thanks. Cross-port

G.G., Beverly L. (my beautiful and enthusiastically supportive spouse,) received much deserved appreciation. Kristine Jones' efforts in obtaining the vendors, and, of course, Linda Buten's faith in our ability to pull this thing off, were celebrated.

Finally, it was time to let the show begin! Designed and scripted by the very talented Jennifer Marquette, the Miss Be All contest featured competition among ten ladies. The opening number, "Wigs", by the B-52's, was truly a mesmerizing and "big time" production. From the initial drumbeat to the final flash, the performance held the audience spellbound. Emceed by Jennifer M., the competition then began in earnest. The judges had their work cut out. And what a group of fine judges there was: Jim Bridges, Mariette Pathy Allen, and Linda Buten were joined by Chicago's Be All regular Lynn Rodriquez, and Cross-Port G.G. (and high priestess of registration), Beverly L. The contestants came from all over the continent to compete and, above all else, have a great time! Leading the talent musically was Glen M. of Toronto. From the shores of Lake Huron, Marcia T. recalled her dressing adventures. Lauren F., of Los Angeles, revealed personality secrets which hide within our handwriting. Dee Dee McKay, of Pennsylvania, made us chuckle with her humor. The irrepressible Jezebel M., of Illinois, was as spectacular as ever. Then Ohio's Adrienne W. mockingly interpreted Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Music of the Night." Cross-Port's own Kristine Jones managed to get Jennifer Marquette and Doctor Docter to do "Housework" for her. Completing the list of talented contestants were Jenny L. (Tennessee), Janet B. (Ohio), and Jami W. (Texas). Of course, the most riveting moment of the evening came as the judges presented Jennifer Marquette with their decision. Each member of the

audience had already chosen their favorite, but would their choice be the judges' choice? The proverbial envelope was opened and, with a chuckle of disbelief, Jennifer announced that the first Miss Be All crown belonged to none other than, Cross-Port's Kristine Jones! The crowd exploded in applause and laughter. Kristine strutted down the runway and the judges ran for cover. For the remainder of the evening, the crowd mingled while they sipped their drinks (especially the foo-foo specialty drink, designed in honor of the Be All ... the Shady Lady).

Saturday's schedule began early, with Sandra Cole continuing to show her expertise with those seeking growth and improvement. Alison Laing's luncheon speech was well received by the many in attendance (by this time over 200 registrations had been handled). After lunch, the seminars continued, with Beverly L. and Lori G. leading a discussion about "Partners and Best Friend," Linda Buten sharing "Humor in Uniform -- or the Crazy Things that Happen to the Crossdressed," and, a real favorite, "A Real Woman Critique: How Do You Look to Her?," with comments from the Holiday Inn G. G. staff. There was a great deal of interest in Dr. Eugene Shrang's session and, again, Doctor Docter kindly contributed. In toto, there were thirty-two seminars presented during the Be All. I have not been able to mention them all by name, but I shall mention that all of them were well received.

Saturday evening brought out some of the prettiest ensembles ever seen in this hotel. The magic was evident everywhere one turned. After working as my male self all week because of time constraints, it was positively heavenly to finally have "Bobbi" back in action. After a fabulous meal, the strains of Stan Kenton's *Artistry in Rhythm* brought a nostalgic chill to the many fans of big band music in attendance. A sophisticated web of sound was

being woven and to see the glorious gowns gliding across the dance floor conjured images of a golden age of glamour. This seemed a perfect way to end the 13th Be All's program of evening entertainment ... and a wonderful way for at least two couples to celebrate wedding anniversaries.

Sunday morning dawned with many of the girls having turned back into their pumpkin personae and preparing to depart. The morning worship service was well attended, as was Anne Johnson's traditional spiritual circle. Then a scrumptious farewell brunch prepared everyone for their journey home. The smiles and the tears, the hugs and the handshakes, were as abundant, and as sweet, as the breakfast pastries. All too soon it was time to leave the hotel and Be All 1995. Thanks to Cross-Port for this different and enjoyable opportunity to come together and share our special natures. All that nervous, frightened excitement made for a beautiful Be-All experience.

Remember, that the 14th Be All will be held in Detroit, Michigan, June 5 - 9.,1996. Our hostesses will be the lovely ladies of Crossroads.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? TS Discovers Dirty Politics

Kristine Holt, a post-op transsexual, running for County Commissioner in Venango County Pennsylvania, found herself the victim of dirty politics as the result of having changed her name after surgery.

The problem began when Kristine changed her name through common-law usage rather that a court decree. The voter registrar of Oil City PA, Venango County, where she lived at the time, refused to alter her name without a court decree, although her driver's license and Social Security Card both bore the name Kristine Holt. When Kristine moved to neighboring Indiana County, where she registered to vote under her female name, the Commonwealth and Common Pleas courts acknowledged her new name. She also signed an affidavit indicating that she had been previously registered in Venango County as Richard W. Holt. The Indiana County registrar assured her that they would notify Venango County and get her registration there purged. But for some reason, this did not happen.

When Kristine decided to run for County Commissioner, one of her opponents discovered her past, plus the fact that she was listed on the Oil City rolls as Richard W. Holt and on the Franklin, Pa. Rolls as Kristine Holt. As soon as the Venango Election Board was notified, it sent her a certified letter informing her that she could not run under Kristine, because it was illegal to be registered to vote under two names in two places. But before they sent her the letter, the Board sent a copy of the letter to the local newspaper, revealing her past and implying that there was something dishonest about her being registered to vote under two different names.

To Kristine, the letter was clearly nothing more than an attempt to sabotage her campaign efforts. Why else, she asked, give the letter to the newspaper the day before she received it herself? Not so coincidentally, her two Republican opponents were among those challenging her candidacy on the basis of her dual registration.

The Venango County Board indicated that Kristine could remedy the problem by bringing them a Court Decree establishing the change in name. Kristine has refused to do this. She had no intention of obtaining a Court Decree. Kristine felt that her various identification and previous court acknowledgment of her identity should suffice.

The resulting publicity, as her opponents had known it would, caused mixed emotions among the population of the rural conservative northwestern Pennsylvania county, where hunting boots are more common than high heels. Some voters referred to Kristine as "he" and others as "she". The more narrow-minded even called her "it". However, many voters indicated that they were impressed with her intelligence, energy, and honesty.

"The issue of my transsexuality fades rather quickly when I begin interacting with people," Kristine told one reporter. "People know me as more than just a queen walking down the street."

Considering the brouhaha over her transsexuality, Kristine Holt did surprisingly well in the race. She came in fourth with 847 votes, while the winner generated barely twice that many votes.

Kristine was upbeat about her loss saying, "The issues confronting us have been aptly laid out. I hope to remain active in local affairs."

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Plans Heat Up for NATIONAL GENDER LOBBYING DAY

Response to the gender community's call for participation in the first ever gathering of the transgendered, and their supporters, in Washington DC has exceeded sponsors wildest expectations. Dubbed **National Transgender Lobbying Day** (though some consider it more National Transgender Education Day), plans call for participants to phone ahead to make appointments with the staff of their Senators and Congresspersons, on either October 2nd or 3rd. Once there, the transgendered, and supporters, are to make clear their concern about gender based-oppression and the need for special legislation.

Dropping of the transgendered from the Employment Non-Discrimination Act sent shock waves through the entire transgendered community, bringing all elements -- from heterosexual crossdressers to lesbian feminist transsexuals -- together in unprecedented solidarity. Rallying around the cry, "Uncle Samantha Wants You" (or should that be Aunt Sam?), representatives from every organization and region have phoned NTLD coordinators to pledge participation and support. But we still need more participants (the more visible our presence, the greater the

impact on Washington policy makers), since most of them do not know what to think when the subject of transgendered community, or transgender rights, is raised.

You should be there, too. After all, it's your right (or a loved one's) to crossdress, or have a sex change, safely, without fear of harassment on the job, or off. That is what is at stake. Reasonably priced accommodations at local motels have been arranged, along with packets telling participants the most effective way to proceed, how to get around town, even where to get a pair of nylons or a nail repaired quick in an emergency. But don't go at it alone. The last thing the transgendered community needs is to present itself to Washington legislators in a positive light, is a hundred loose cannons running around all over the landscape. Instead, call the coordinators behind National Transgender Lobbying Day, for information on how to be an effective participant. Phone numbers for Uncle Samantha's helpers are:

Phyllis Frye (713) 723-8368, Karen Kerin (802) 223-4756, and Riki Anne Wilchins (212) 645-1753 (e-mail Riki@Pipeline.Com)

FLORIDA SUPPORT GROUP Outreaches to Needy Sisters --What About You?

StarBurst, the support group for Tampa Bay's transgendered community, has announced that it is collecting clothing and non-perishable food items for their less fortunate sisters. According to **Nita S.**, editor of *Butterflies*, StarBurst's newsletter, new members and longtime members alike often experience rough times. "Sometimes this has to do with unaccepting parents, spouses, mates, roommates, or others." Nita S. says StarBurst is asking those members who are better off to donate canned or dry goods, clothing, even make-up.

Needy sisters (and brothers) aren't confined to Tampa, Florida. They are to be found in every city and community where the transgendered gather. *Tapestry Journal* would like to see StarBurst's outreach program embraced by every support group, club and organization within the transgendered community. In a future issue, we would like to run a listing of those organizations who have heeded this call and adopted, or already have going, such a program.

Every day at *Tapestry*, we hear from individuals in crisis who have been rejected, and often dispossessed, by spouses, parents, employers, and others. Tomorrow the sister (or brother) in distress could be you. Please consider what you can do to create, or further, a plan like this for your group.

A WHALE OF A GOOD TIME The TCNE Fall Fling

The **Tiffany Club of New England** is holding their annual Fall Fling, October 5 through 8, in Provincetown, Massachusetts this year. Kick-off event is a Whale Watch (free to those who register prior to September 5). A full line-up of events has been scheduled, including panels, a Saturday night dinner, parties, shopping sprees, and other festivities. Always an enjoyable event, the TCNE Fall Fling will be based at the Provincetown Inn. Last year's was one of the best held on the Northeast coast, and the 1995 version promises to be even better.

Registration is $50 per person, and rooms will be $84.01 per night, single or double occupancy. Or call (617)891-9325 to register by credit card. Participants are asked to indicate their dinner choice: Chicken Florentine or Scrod, when registering. Checks should be made payable to:TCNE Inc. and sent to:

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EXCLUSION OF TRANSGENDER from Texas Hate Crime Bill Protested!

Gays and lesbians marching through downtown Austin, in support of Texas hate crime protection for themselves, received a surprise when their protest was protested by transgender activists. When it was learned that the **Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas** had decided to exclude their transgendered sisters and brothers, the LGRL found themselves picketed by members of **It's Time, Texas!**, a Lone Star state TG right's group. On April 2, in the midst of a much publicized march by an estimated five to seven thousand gays and lesbians, a contingent from ITT arrived and staked out a highly visible position, directly in the marchers' path. The transgender protesters(twenty Davids to five thousand plus Goliaths), including It's Time, Texas! Chair, **Sarah DePalma**, **Phyllis Frye**, **Dee McKellar**, and **Tere Fredrickson**, unfurled a number of four feet high and hand-held posters, along with Texas and American flags.

The ITT contingent had laid their plans well, notifying media of their plans and cause, liaisoning with sympathetic lesbians and gays within the LGRL

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membership and board of directors. ITT presented the LGRL with three demands:

1) that any hate crimes legislation contain language specifically including the transgendered;
2) that a transgendered member be added to the LGRL board;
3) that DePalma be allowed to address the LGRL post-march rally.

By the evening before the march, the effectiveness of the ITT strategy was reflected in a heated LGRL board meeting.. Although the ITT demands were voted down by the board, the margin against them was very narrow. However, a compromise with ITT supporters resulted in the forming of a committee that will study the inclusion of the transgendered and make its recommendations later. The LGRL board also agreed to the ITT's third demand and allowed Ms. DePalma to address the gays and lesbians gathered for the post-march rally.

Added impetus was given to the ITT protest when a Houston crossdresser was savagely beaten by three men, when she and a female companion stopped to change a flat tire, only two weeks prior to the LGRL march. Although comments, during the attack, made it clear the only motive was the perpetrators' motive was their discovery that the victim was a crossdresser, the incident would not have been covered under the Texas anti-hate crime legislation, as sponsored by the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby. Following this incident, ITT sent out press release that announced nothing less than inclusion of the transgendered in the bill would persuade them to cancel their protest. In light of the Houston assault, the LGRL concessions were not enough to induce the ITT to call off their protest -- and the two groups came face to face in the streets of Austin.

As the marchers came by, ITT protesters explained their position and handed out flyers, asking lesbians and gays to take the flyers and hold them up in protest. In all, some twenty-five hundred flyers were distributed to sympathetic marchers. Some LGRL members even left their protest to stand in solidarity with the ITT contingent. Participants described it as a "genuinely moving experience."

Even though ITT's ultimate goal, immediate inclusion of transgendered in the bill, was not met, their protest of a protest produced a number of positive results. For the first time, LGRL board members actually met with representatives of the transgendered community and dialogue was begun. Several members of the board came up to the ITT representatives afterward and confessed that they had known as little about the transgendered as the straight world knows about gays and lesbians. They admitted the ITT contingent had broken down stereotypes the LGRL officers had long held of crossdressers and transsexuals. Finally, the LGRL board agreed to continue liaisoning with It's Time, Texas and said they look forward to learning more about our community.

NEW NATIONWIDE DATING SERVICE FOR CDs & TS

The **Gender Dating Service** has just opened in California (where else?). With a current client base of approximately one hundred twenty-five active files, the service is seeking new clients. Clientele includes CDs, TGs, TSs, and those, of any gender or orientation, who want to date them. Sensitive to the fear of being "outed", which keeps many members of the community closeted, TGDS guards its clients' privacy and identity, placing potential dates together only after careful scrutiny and background screening. Those wishing to enroll as members pay a one time sign-up fee of ten dollars. As with other dating services, matches are made on the basis of an extensive questionnaire. In addition to clients, TGDS is seeking to publicize their service through the myriad zines that service the transgendered community. Interested parties can write:

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TRANSGENDER GROUPS Create GenderPAK, Political Action Agency

As a direct result of a landmark speech by gender activist **Riki Ann Wilchins**, delivered only days before deliberate dropping of the transgendered community from the Employment Nondiscrimination Act, a number of key organizations agreed to aid in the formation of **GenderPAK**. Wilchins' incisive luncheon oratory stirred community leaders at the 1995 Be-All so deeply, they pledged to join forces and finances to create the first national political action fund dedicated to

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lobbying for the rights of all transgendered individuals, from crossdressers to transsexuals. Among the organizations involved in helping launch GenderPAK were, the **American Educational Gender Information Service** (Atlanta GA), the **Congress of Transgender Organizations** (Indianapolis IN), the **International Foundation for Gender Education** (Waltham MA), The **International Conference on Transgender Law & Employment Policy** (Houston TX), the **Outreach Institute of Gender Studies** (Portland ME), the **Renaissance Education Association**, Inc. (Philadelphia PA), and the **Society for the Second Self** (Tulare CA). **Lynn Walker**, co-founder of the **Metropolitan Gender Network** in New York City was named Chair. GenderPAK funds were supposed to be collected and administered by the overseers of the highly-successful Winslow Street Fund.

One of GenderPAK's first briefs was support of the previously announced Transgender Lobbying Days, scheduled for October 2-3, 1995. Participants will call ahead and schedule appointments on those days with their congressional representatives. The presence of so many transgendered individuals and their supporters is expected to increase legislators' awareness of our community's need for civil rights protection and the dangers its members now face. GenderPAK's current goal is ensuring the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and other Gay/Lesbian lobbying groups, support language including transgendered individuals in the Employment Nondiscrimination Act.

All supporters of "freedom of gender expression" are invited to call for information on activities and approaches.

Riki Ann Wilchins (212) 645-1753 or Phyllis Frye (713)723-8368

CANADIAN Transgender House FAILS

Zenith House, an attempt by members of **Vancouver's Zenith Foundation** to create a self-supporting "half-way house" for those going through sex-reassignment surgery, has closed. As with so many projects attempting to serve the transgendered community, finances proved to be problematic from the very beginning. Even as Zenith House was preparing to open, many who had committed themselves to residency changed their minds, entailing a desperate last minute attempt to round-up enough tenants to keep the project from collapsing.

Management problems, including the difficulty of finding adequately qualified people willing to serve for minuscule compensation, also plagued thge project. The mixing of F-to-M and M-to-F residents is also said to have played a part in Zenith House's demise; apparently the two groups interests were so different that it was impossible to develop the common purpose essential to the home's success. In addition, the all too common in-fighting and personalities that have plagued other organizations seem to have been involved.

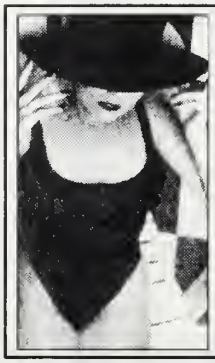
Poor logistics were also cited. Although the house was large enough, with six bedrooms, two and a half baths, laundry, kitchen, and a commodious living room, it was situated far enough from downtown Vancouver that public transportation in the area ran infrequently, while the extra zone fares placed cost of the ride out of many potential residents means.

Zenith House's closing leaves only Merissa Sheril Lynn's Wayland House, and a similar home run by members of Minnesota's Gender Education Alliance, as the only on-going, self-supporting residence homes for transgendered individuals in transition.

TESTOSTERONE Creates Nurturing & ESTROGEN Creates Aggression

M2Fs taking estrogen who expect it to engender soft, feminine emotions, and F2Ms who think additional testosterone will make them more aggressive, have just been handed a big surprise. It's testosterone (the so-called male hormone) that allows members of all genders to be warm, nurturing, and receptive. Contrary to popular belief, anger and aggression aren't the result of "high-testosterone", according to research at the **University of California**. Male subjects with these qualities were found to have significantly lower levels of testosterone than other members of their gender.

Other research has produced evidence that estrogen (the so-called female hormone) is responsible for aggression and anger. When laboratory mice were injected with a substance that blocked their bodies' ability to respond to estrogen, they immediately calmed down. Will estrogen become as common as steroids among professional athletes in the future? Will mandatory testosterone injections (to ensure domestic harmony) be part of every pre-nuptial agreement? Apparently, what we've been inaccurately calling the "male" and "female" hormones only trigger the physical changes traditionally associated with their respective genders. It's the pinch of their opposite (everyone has in them) that creates the emotional characteristics we traditionally associate each gender.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Jennifer Marie Brown

Boston Boasts GENDER TALK RADIO

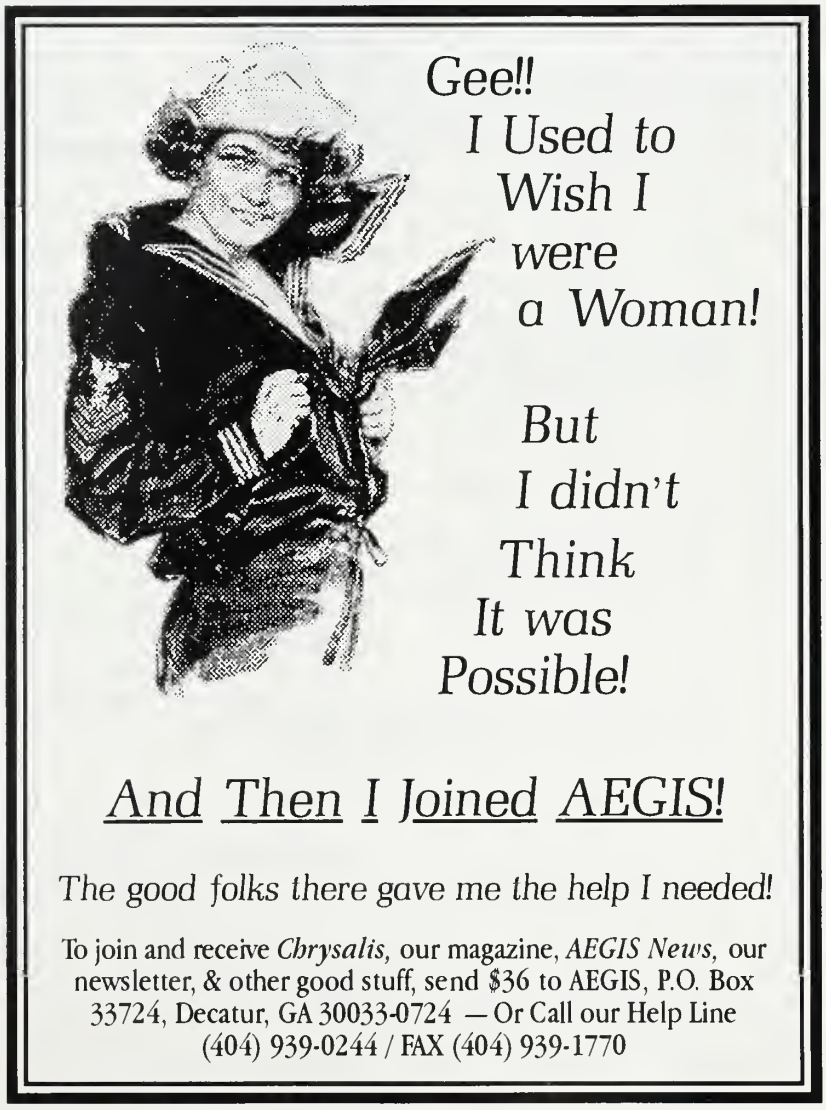
Two or three may not be an avalanche, but it just might be the tip of the iceberg as far as gender-oriented radio talk shows go. First there was the announcement by a station in Houston, KPFT, that it would air a monthly talkshow, *After Hours*, devoted to transgendered issues and hosted by **Sarah DePalma**, local media coordinator for the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Then came *Working Girls*, on Washington DC's WMET, co-hosted by **Cheryl Costa**, a transsexual, and **Francis Brown**. Now, Boston's WMBR has gone them one better and added a weekly gender-themed program to its all talk line-up.

Debuting in mid-June, ***Gender Talk*** as the show is titled, becomes the second weekly talk program focused solely around gender, including transgenderism, crossdressing, transsexual-ism, feminism, and gay, lesbian and bi-sexual issues. The show is hosted by the IFGE's own **Nancy Nageroni**, publisher of *SCHE Mail*, the self-styled "zine of transgender wit, wisdom, and humor." *Gender Talk* is unique in more ways than one, mixing Nageroni's patented blend of humor with her take on current events and serious talk about the issues revolving around "gender identity." The program will attempt to relate transgenderism to larger concerns, like "everyday notions about what it means to be a man or a woman."

Gender Talk's opening guest list reads like a Who's Who of the transgender community. Past and future interviewees include, performance artist and playwright, **Kate Bornstein**, author of *Gender Outlaw*; bestselling author and feminist, **Warren Farrell**; transgender activist, **Leslie Feinberg**, author of *Stone Butch Blues*; and *Tapestry* cover photographer, **Mariette Pathy Allen**; to name only a few.

Listeners of all types have already hailed the program as "a mind and heart-expanding experience." Still, Nangeroni aims to keep the show light. "I'm not interested in doing anything too serious," she says. "Whether it's engineering or gender work, if I can't have fun with it, I'm just not interested." She is also quick to emphasize that *Gender Talk* is not polemical, and seeks to educate and entertain, rather than convert it's audience. "We're not trying to get in anyone's face. This is not about shocking or confronting people. Quite the opposite. Some people will probably find our show gives them new comfort with their self and others."

Considering how hate-filled and confrontational much of talk radio is, not to mention many host's biases against crossdressers, transsexuals and the transgendered, the appearance of WMBR Boston's *Gender Talk* is a welcome addition to the airwaves.



"GENDER IDENTITY CONSULTANCY SERVICES" BORN in UK

There's good news and bad news from our sisters and brothers in London. The **Gender Dysphoria Trust International**, the non-profit (Charitable), that has provided aid, comfort and support to so many transgendered individuals in the United Kingdom over the past fifteen years, is no more. Founded in 1980 by the late **Judy Cousins**, a tireless worker in her sister's behalf, the Trust began its life as, **SHAFT** (Self Help Association For Transsexuals), a name it's broad-based activities in behalf of the entire transgendered community soon made obsolete. At the time, the only other organization in the UK catering to transgendered people was the **Beaumont Society**, which was slanted more toward crossdressers.

In its heyday, SHAFT offered a meeting hall, changing facilities, referrals, counseling and support groups. However, with Ms. Cousin's retirement, after almost a decade spent keeping SHAFT afloat single-handedly, Ms. Cousins retired and the organization fell on sadder days. First, there was a move to Plymouth in Devon, which, though short lived, created major disruption by making involvement difficult for most Londoners. Following this there was a protracted period of [political infighting among various cliques made up of both the Trust's officers and its membership. A second move, this time to Yorkshire, resulted in reorganization of SHAFT's leadership, a reaffirmation of its purposes, and an increased commitment to running it on a more professional basis. This was reflected in their change of name, to Gender Dysphoria Trust, and a concerted attempt to secure status as non-profit organization and funding from various private and public agencies.

In 1989, a new Administrator, **Fran Springfield**, who received a tiny stipend for her services, was appointed. Ms. Springfield was the first non-transsexual to be hired by the organization or appointed to its board, but her passion and commitment fully equaled that of its founder, and under her, GDTI began to realize some of its longtime dreams. Non-profit status was finally granted, and the Trust became the first gender group in the UK to be based in a building shared with others, while retaining our solely transsexual stance. However, despite of all the board's efforts, attempts to achieve government funding continued to produced only token amounts and never rose above a token five hundred dollars per year. Nor was a membership drive more successful. Though it passed the four hundred mark, more than fifty percent were unemployed, and their participation had to be subsidized by whose fortunate enough to have jobs. The illness and death of Ms. Springfield's partner, Norma, also took its toll on the organization.

The final straw seems to have been a forced move out of their rented offices. This ultimately resulted in the loss of all office furniture, which had to be replaced, and other expenses that put a strain on the Trust's always shaky financial picture. Personalities, in-fighting, even attempted blackmail, also played a part in the Trust's decline. While GDTI's supporters gave generously in a vain attempt to keep it afloat, the organization's days were numbered and, in early 1995, the decision was made to suspend operations permanently.

The good news is that Fran Springfield, a Clinical Nurse Specialist has decided to put her years of experience and personal commitment to the transsexual community to work in the form of the **Gender Identity Consultancy Services**. GICS, which she has opened in conjunction with three other licensed counselors, will be a service provider, offering help and assistance to those with issues involving gender identity. Springfield's Consultancy Services will offer a hotline, along with specialty publications aimed at the transsexual community and other services to be announced. Gender Identity Consultancy Services joins a growing number of organizations and care providers within the UK. Here's hoping, it will fare better than its predecessor, the ill-fated, but not forgotten, Gender Dysphoria Trust International

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Calendar of Major Events

UPDATED August 1, 1995

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AUGUST, 1995

18-20: A Vision of Community, FTM Conference of the Americas, San Francisco, California USA
FTM, 5337 College Avenue, #142, Oakland CA 94618 USA

SEPTEMBER, 1995

14-17: Paradise in the Poconos, Canadensis, Pennsylvania USA
Creative Design Services, PO Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406 (610) 640-9449

27-Oct. 1: 5th Annual Southern Comfort, Atlanta, Georgia
Southern Comfort, POB 77591, Atlanta GA 30357

28-Oct. 1: 9th Annual Mardi Gras, Ontario CANADA
Mardi Gras '95, Monarch Social Club, Mississauga A, PO Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario CANADA L5A 3A1 (905) 279-7723

30-Oct. 3: Fall Promenade, Bad Wildugen, GERMANY
% Krocher und Surhoff, Postfach 80 04 42, D-65904 Frankfort am Main Germany

OCTOBER, 1995

2-3: Transgender Lobbying Days, Washington D.C., USA
Riki Ann Wilchins (212) 645-1753
or Phyllis Frye (713)723-8368

5-9: Fall Fling, Providencetown, Massachusetts, USA
TCNE, PO Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483 USA (617) 891-9325

6-9: Winkte Lodge, exploration of the Native American third gender, Silver Spring, Maryland
Winkte Lodge, c/o the Berdache Company, 8750 Georgia Avenue, Suite 723A, Silver Spring MD 20910 (301) 588-2878

17-21: FTM Get-Together, Cheltenham, Gloucester UK
Tony, Oakland Ave, Cheltenham, Glos,GL52 3EP

15-22: 21st Fantasia Fair, Provincetown, Massachusetts
D. Laing, FF '95 Registrar, PO Box 941, Southeastern PA 19399-0941

26-29: Fall Harvest, "Celebrate St. Louis," St. Louis, Missouri USA
St. Louis Gender Foundation, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117 (314) 358-0410

NOVEMBER, 1995

10-12: Riverside Gala Weekend, Erie, Pennsylvania, USA
P O Box 1571, Erie, PA 16507-1571

15-19: Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme, Kananaskis in Canadian Rockies
Phi Sigma, Box 81115, 755 Lake Bonavista Drive SE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2J 7C9

FEBRUARY, 1996

22-25: 8th Annual Texas T Party, Dallas, Texas USA
Texas T Party, PO Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270 USA (210) 980-7788

MARCH, 1996

24-31: **Minnesota Pride '96-10th IFGE convention, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota USA**
IFGE, PO Box 229, Waltham MA 01754-0229 USA

APRIL, 1996

: Full Circle of Women (for people identifying as women), Essex, Massachusetts USA
Janis Walworth, PO Box 52, Ashby MA 01431 USA (508) 386-7737

20-23: California Dreamin '96, Burbank, California USA
California Dreamin', PO Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686 USA (714) 779-9013

MAY, 1996

EuroFantasia, Denmark
EuroFantasia, PO Box 442, N-4301, Sandnes NORWAY

JUNE, 1996

JULY, 1996

DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

(Updated May 1995)

(All Organizations and Services are sorted according to category and by zip code. All Groups are non-profit and non-sexual in nature unless otherwise noted. All information shared is confidential.)

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MASSACHUSETTS (010-027)

CD/TS/SO - **SUNSHINE CLUB:**
Sunshine Club, c/o Roberta Steel, PO Box 149, Hadley MA 01035
Monthly meetings at a church in Pioneer Valley area. Discretion and toleration expected.
⚭ Monthly newsletter

FTM/SO - **EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP:**
P O Box 60585, Florence Station, Northampton MA 01060
Meets in the homes of members. Social activities and networking with other FTMs. Meetings are potluck buffet.

TV/TS - **BERKSHIRE ALTERNATIVES:**
PO Box 508, North Adams MA 01247
Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. Meets the first Friday of each month.

TV/TS - **THE MYRIAD NETWORK:**
PO Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267
Support without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity. Publish quarterly.
⚭ *The Myriad Network News.*

TV/TS - **INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION:**
IFGE, Box 229, Waltham MA 02154-0229
Educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community. Publisher of materials relevant to the TV/TS theme. Sponsors the annual Coming Together convention. An international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, "drop-in hookstore" for emergency peer counselling and on-going volunteer work
☎ (617) 894-8340 FAX (617) 899-5703 ⚭ *TV-TS Tapestry Journal*

TV - **WAYLAND HOUSE:** PO Box 3128, Shawseen MA 01810-0804
Weekly meetings on Thursdays in secure environment. For mature crossdressers. Friendship is foremost. Participation is encouraged.

TS - **ENTERPRISE:**
P O Box629, Jamaica Plain MA 02130
Support group exclusively for Famale-to-Male transsexuals and intersexes at any stage of transition. Weekly closed discussion meetings. Monthly open meetings, usually of a social; nature. Friends, lovers, spouses, and family are welcome. ☎ (617) 983-3264

TV/TS/SO - **TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.:**
TCNE, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483
Organizing get-togethers, workshops, seminars, and beauty courses, referrals, a speakers' bureau, and group outings. Attendees must be interviewed by a member of the Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person.
☎(617) 891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm ET) ⟲ *Rosebuds*

SO - **TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP**: c/o TCNE, Inc., Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483
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TV/TS - **REFLECTIONS**: PO Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02027
Providing public speaking, advocacy, support phone line, therapy group, library, referral database. Meets in Boston first Saturday of each month, 3:00-5:00pm at the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston St. at Arlington St. ⟲ Newsletter Phone (617) 323-6528

TS - **GENDER IDENTITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR TRANSSEXUALS**
G.I.S.S.T. is a support and referral group for transsexuals providing AIDS education, HIV testing, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, therapeutic assistance, job training, social skills, social acceptance, gender identity counseling, and housing. Meets weekly. Call for location and time. ☎(617) 720-3413

TS - **GETTING REAL**: P O Box 194, West Newton MA 02165
Support group for hermaphrodites, intersexes, primary TSs, and others with sexual/gender incongruities and their families. Medical information, advice and support. Monthly meetings in downtown Boston. No fee. Free parking.

TV/TS/SO - **AXA:** P O Box 38-0547, Cambridge MA 02238
An open social group offering socializing, friendly discussion and special events for all transgendered persons. Meets Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the lower level of Pizzaria Uno, 22 JFK Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA.

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE**: TGA, PO Box 38-1005, Cambridge MA 02238
A political organization working to unite the transgender community around a program advocating its own political and social interests; organizes and educates for human rights for transgendered people and for liberation from restrictive gender roles; supports the International Gender Bill of Rights.

TV/TS/SO - **INNVESTMENTS:** PO Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653
Social support group for those on Cape Cod and SE MA. Meets first Tuesday each month except for summer. Inquire for time and place. ⟲ Newsletter

TV/TS -**SOCIETY OF CROSS-DRESSING HARDWARE ENGINEERS:**
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NANCY STRAPKO, PhD:
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MAINE (038-047)

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSUPPORT**:
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MAINE GENDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE:
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OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES:
126 Western Ave., Ste. 246, Augusta ME 04330
Ariadne Kane, Director
Conferences and workshops on gender issues, Gender Attitude Reassessment Program for health care professionals, clinical supervision for sex educators and counselors, Fantasia Fair, speakers' bureau for meetings and conferences, seminars for couples. ☎ 207-621-0858. ⟲ *Journal of Gender Studies*, information packets, publications, annotated catalogue

CONNECTICUT (060-069)

TV/TS/SO - **CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, PO Box 163, Farmington CT 06034

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TS/SO - **XX (TWENTY) CLUB**: Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387

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☞ *XX*, published bi-monthly

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TV - **THE CONNECTICUT VIEW**: c/o Denise Mason, P O Box 2281, Devon CT 06460

Support group and newsletter coming to life after a hiatus. ☞ *The ConnecticuT View*

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Clinton R. Jones, Director

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☞ *Monmouth-Ocean News* ☎ (908) 219-9094

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TV/TS - **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**: Northern New Jersey, c/o Ms. Lynda Frank, PO Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960

Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well. Interview required. ☎ (201) 663-0772

TV/TS - **SOUTH JERSEY/SHORE AREA CHAPTER:**
Renaissance SJ, PO Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330

Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 2002 Black Horse Pike, Mckee City, NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm. ☎ (609) 641-3782

▲ - **SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS**: SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650

Meets the fourth Saturday of each month. Also monthly dinner parties and other activities. Wives' participation welcome. Interview required. ☎ 24-hour hot-line (800) 480-3152, monthly *News Briefs*

NEW YORK (090-149)

TV/TS/SO - **CDI/NYGA**:
c/o Fem Fashions, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001
S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coord., Muriel Olive, Director.

Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, ☎ (212) 570-7389

TV/TS/TG - **TRANSGENDER RIGHTS! (TGR)**:

Broadscope human rights advocacy organization run by and for transgendered people. Open meetings every other Wednesday at Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 208 West 13th Street in Manhattan. ☞ *Rights News.* ☎ (212) 979-8547

TV/TS - **IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK & LONG ISLAND**: Suite 120, 70-A Greenwich Village Ave, New York NY 10011

A registered, genuine, supportive organization for Female Impersonators, DQs, TVs, TSs and their friends and supporters in a fun, helpful and democratic forum. We represent a unique, positive and valued element of society. Social activities for non-Gay and Gay charities. Meetings first Friday of the month, 8:15pm, Gay Community Services Center, West 13th Street and 7th Avenue. Since 1969,"If you've got the hi-heels, we've got the eye-deals." ☎ (212) 580-9858 (NYC), (516) 889-1980(LI). ☞ *Imperially Yours*

TV/TS - **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK**: 561 Hudson Street, PO Box45, New York NY 10014

Support, advocacy, and educational group open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome. Monthly meetings on the second Sunday, social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries. ☎ (201) 794-1665 ext. 332.(718) 461-9050☞ *City Lights*

TS - **SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS**

A twelve-step recovery program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.
☎ Answering service (212) 969-0888.

TS - **THE F2M FRATERNITY:** PO Box 509, Lenox Hill Station, New York NY 10021

An information network and support group run by and for female-to-males. Meetings in private apartments in New York City about every six weeks. We welcome F-M TSs, anyone who is experiencing gender dysphoria or considers themselves a possible candidate for F-M reassignment. ☎ (908) 298-8797 Marty Kincaid or (212) 570-1260 Kit Rachlin.

CD/TS - **EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY**: Box 2783 Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163

For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type. Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times. ☎ (212) 388-7022

TV/TS/SO - **GIRL'S NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, PO Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007

Open social support group , meetings. ☎ (201) 794-1665, ext 202☞ *Lipstick and Lace*

TV/TS/SO - **NEW YORK GIRL & PARTNERS:** PO Box 456, Centereach NY 11720

Renaissance affiliate. Meets one Saturday each month in Suffolk County. Educational and discussion programs, outings. Partners' meetings. Membership by application and interview.
☞ *New Visions and Attitudes* ☎ (516) 732-5115

▲ - **LONG ISLAND FEMMIE EXPRESSION**: LIFE, P O Box 3015, Lake Ronkonkoma NY 11779-0417
Founded 1985. Support and social group for heterosexual CDs, families, friends, SOs. Three meetings monthly. Partners' group. 1 *Lifelines*, monthly newsletter ☎(516) 283-1333

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB**: TGIC, PO Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604
Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, shopping guide, key club, and storage. We have a screening process to ensure comfort and safety of all. ☎ (518) 436-4513 (live Thurs. 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back). Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** PO Box 1611, South Rd. Annex, Poughkeepsie NY 12601-0611
Social and educational support group for people who have interest in gender and crossdressing issues, where they can interact in a positive atmosphere. Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month.

TV/TS/SO - **EXPRESSING OUR NATURE (EON):** 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13204-3226
Open support regardless of gender identification and sexual orientation. Context for TG people to experience their own happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment: meetings, social occasions, and community-wide events. EON has its own facility and offices. Meetings are the first and third Saturday and fourth Wednesday each month. The Support Group for Significant Others meets regularly.

▲ - **LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA OF TRI-ESS**: c/o Sharon Ann Stuart, PO Box 870, Oneonta NY 13820
Centered in Troy, Albany, Schenectady area. Monthly meetings, library, affiliated with TGIC in Albany. Screening before attending. ☎ (607) 547-4118 *Cornbury's Closet*

TS - **BUFFALO TRANSITION SUPPORT:** c/o Vicki, P O Box 320, Buffalo NY 14220
TS support group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month, 4-6pm. Formerly Crossroads of Buffalo. No dues to participate. Interview required for security.
☎ (716) 629-5421 (leave number, caller will say they received a message on service).

▲ - **NU PHI CHI-BUFFALO BELLES:** 7954 Transit Road Box 197, Williamsville NY 14221-4100
Monthly meetings held in a secure location. Changing rooms available. Meetings usually the first Saturday of the month. Ten-page newsletter. Security of members is paramount.
☎ (716) 643-2626

TV/TS/SO - **ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** PO Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692
Group mostly from upstate NY. Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state. ☎ (716) 251-2132 *CD News*

GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10011
Support, counseling, advocacy and referral services for gender dysphoric individuals. Peer-to-peer counseling, facilitated support groups, professional referrals, and alcohol and drug abuse counseling services. M-t-F support group Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm; M-t-F and F-t-M Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm; The Project is part of the Center's Mental Health and Social Services Programs and all services are confidential and professionally supervised. ☎ (212) 620-7310

METAMORPHOSIS:
P O Box 6260, Broadway Station, Long Island, NY 11106-0260
Professional psychotherapy, individual and group support, family counselling, evaluations, treatment for all gender related situations, particularly for transsexuals. Full transition support. Call or write for appointment and information. Mon.-Fri., 11am-5pm. ☎ (718) 728-4615

PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP**: TSG, Penn Circle South, Pittsburgh PA 15206
Transsexual support group, meets every iother Sunday. ☎ (412) 661-7030

TV/TS - **TRANSPITT**: PO Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230
Open membership policy. Meetings the second and fourth Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referral required for new member. ☎ (412) 224-6015

TV/TS - **OASIS**: PO Box 622, Meadville PA 16335
Open membership policy. Meetings the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Apply in writing. *Oasis Dreams*, monthly.

TV/TS/SO - **ERIE SISTERS**: 2115 West 8th St, Ste 261,Erie PA 16505
Newsletter for full and associate members. Full members only at meetings. Meetings on fourth Saturdays, even numbered months in accepting puhlic establishments, odd numbered months in secure space. Membership is open. Discretion and confidentiality are demanded. Apply in writing. Screening interview required *Mirror Images*

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE-LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER**: Renaissance - LSV, PO Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122
For the gender community at large. Meets the first Saturday evening of each month in York, PA. ☎ (717) 780-1578

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL**: CDI, P O Box 61, Easton PA 18044 S. Kristine James, Director, KarenCioe,NYCCoordinator.
Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**: Renaissance PHL, PO Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020
Meets third Saturday of month in King of Prussia, PA. at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call. For TV/TS with TS Support Group, TV Rap Groups, Significant Other Support Group, monthly programs, socials/community activities. Chapter Leader Maryann Kirkland ☎ (610) 975-9119

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**: P O Box 60552, King of Prussia PA 19406
Open group that accepts and helps individuals to grow at their own pace. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, TS Support Group, TV rap groups, and community activities. Speakers' Bureau for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help understand transgender behavior.
☎ (610) 630-1437 (24 hrs) Monthly newsletter

PERSAD CENTER, INC.
5100 Penn Ave.,
Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616
Randal G. Forrester,
James Huggins.
Mental health services for the gender conflicted and their significant others. Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for transsexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormone therapy, and sex reassignment therapy. ☎ (412) 441-0857

DELAWARE (197-199)

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - DELAWARE CHAPTER**: PO Box 5656, Wilmington DE 19808
Meets second Saturday of month at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call. For TV/TS/TG/SO with programs, support groups, education. Contact for information. Open group.
Newsletter ☎ (302) 995-1396

WASHINGTON, DC (200-205)

TV/TS - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE**: c/o R. Lewis, PO Box 4064, Rockville MD 20849-4064
Discussions, raps, special events, referrals, and also shopping, demos, visits to other groups, cookouts and more. Meets monthly in Maryland from September through June.

WBA News ☎(800) 496-9332 or (301) 738-0389 after 7 pm ET and ask for Roberta

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON** : TGEA, POBox 16036, Arlington VA 22215
(formerly DCEA) Group for transgendered persons of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others.Meetings the first Saturday of month September through June. Affiliated with couples' group and MAGA (TS support). Outreach to professional psychological groups, hotline services and crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay and Lesbian community. ☎ (301) 365-3822 *The Pinnacle*

MARYLAND (206-218)

TV/TG/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP OF BALTIMORE**: c/o Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Baltimore, 241 W. Chase St., Baltimore MD 21201
Open peer support group. Meets monthly at the GLCCB. Inquire.
☎ (410) 837-5445, or switchboard 7-10pm (410) 837-8888

TV/TG/TS - **TRI-STATE TRANSGENDERED CLUB**: c/o Diane Terrant, PO Box 3102, Deer Park MD 21550-1002
Open peer support group in western Maryland. Meets monthly with occasional guest speakers. Will try to help with referrals to helping professionals and business open to your patronage.
☎ (301) 453-3538

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS:
Rusty Lynn,LCSW, Pastoral Counselor,4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814
Counseling for transgendered persons and their families. Group counselng for female-to-male persons. ☎ (301) 652-6448

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES,INC.:
H. Martin Malin, PhD,
2114 N. Charles Street,Ste 3, Baltimore MD 21218
Counseling for transgendered persons. ☎ (410) 528-1638

VIRGINIA (220-246)

TS/SO - **METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE** : MAGA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215
Formerly affiliated with the DCEA, and was known as JANUS. General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Fri.of each month.
☎ (301) 949-3822

TV - **BLACK ROSE**: PO Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210
Group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome. Meets Tuesday nights in DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards. ☎ (301) 369-7667

TV - **VIRGINIA'S SECRET**:
P O Box 7386, Richmond VA 23221-0386
Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter. Sponsoring interview before joining.
☎ (804) 222-6796

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS: Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 225 E. Broad Sreet, Falls Church VA 22046
Counseling for transgendered persons. ☎ (703) 532-8723

ELLEN R. WARREN, LCSW: 1500 King Street, Ste 302, Alexandria VA 22314
Affirmative counseling and support for transition and family/relationship issues. Experienced therapist working from a humanistic, supportive point of view. Help with all concerns: transition, personal, family, career. Individual, couple and family counseling. ☎ (703) 683-0710

WEST VIRGINIA (246-268)

TV/TS/TG - **THE VALLEY GIRLS**: TVG, POBox 181, Dunbar WV 25064
Monthly meetings in Charleston of educational support group for all members of the gender community: makeup and fashion tips, outings and special events. Interview for membership. Must be 21. Annual fee, meeting fee, no fee for wives. Periodical newsletter.

CD/SO - **TRANS-WV**: PO Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322
Non-sexual. Monthly meetings the third Saturday of the month. Well established group for friendship, fun, makeup tips and more. Screening interview required. Security respected. Newsletter

NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)

TV/TS/SO - **TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION**: TGA, c/o L. Hahn, PO Box 26221, Winston-Salem NC 27114 c/o Terri Johnson, P O Box 1208, Hillsborough NC 27278
Group for CDs, androgynes, TSs and their significant others. Monthly meetings, referrals to professionals. Interview required.

TV/TS - **GDANC SUPPORT GROUP**: GDANC, PO Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145
To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need to talk . Meet third Sat. of every month at a private apartment. ☎ (704) 642 1914

▲ - **KAPPA BETA, TRI-ESS**: PO Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101
Social support group serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia.Meets every third weekend, the year around in Charlotte. *The Pink Slip*

TV/TS/SO - **CAROLINA TRANS-SENSUAL ALLIANCE**: PO Box 25347, Charlotte NC 28229-5347
Open to all regardless of sexual orientation. No gay men unless CD. An open group, we meet monthly, have over 50 supportive merchants, clubs, caregivers and consultants to whom we can refer members. SOs encouraged to attend. ☎ (704) 551-8838 (voice mail) *All the Beautiful People!*

▲ - **CHI CHI RHO, TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, PO Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519 See Tri-Ess, Tulare CA.

TV/TS/SO - **PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, PO Box 18332, Asheville, NC 28814
The Carolinas' oldest all-inclusive support network. Small weekly gatherings and large meetings every other month. Open discussions, programs, referrals.
☎ (704) 259-9428 *Gender Quest*

LOUISE HAHN, MA, NCC:
Winston-Salem, Durham, Wilmington
Nationally certified counselor specializing in gender-related issues. Psychotherapy addressing concerns of CDs, TGs, TSs and their SO. ☎ (910) 722-9661

GEORGIA (300-319)

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** Sigma Epsilon, PO Box 272, Roswell GA 30077-0272
Monthly meetings. *The Southern Belle* ☎ Helpline: (404) 552-4415

TV/TS/SO - **ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION**: AGE, PO Box 77562, Atlanta GA 30357
Renaissance affiliate. Modeled after Phoenix Transgender Support Group in Asheville, NC. Non-sexual and member-operated. Membership open to anyone with a gender concern, families, friends. Meet twice a month. Screening before attending first meeting. One-time $25 screening fee, and $5 per meeting. ☎ Helpline: (404) 939-2128. *The No-Name News*

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.:
Montgomery Institute, PO Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033
Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.
TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients.

Local professionals working with our members are also screened. ☎ (404) 603 9426 ↪ *MM & PI* monthly newsletter, *Insight* a magazine for and about TSs.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.:
AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724
Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN).
Professionally managed support group and national nonprofit clearinghouse for information about gender dysphoria. Referrals to professionals and support groups, and to individuals, following the Standards of Care; case management; consulting; speakers' service. Renaissance affiliate. Helpline:(404) 939-0244. ↪ *Chrysalis Quarterly*, transition booklets, bibliography, J2CP, Janus, and Erickson Foundation materials. ☎ (404) 939-0244 helpline FAX (404)939-1770

SARAH C. JAMES, CEI: Atlanta, Georgia
Gender transition consultant, certified electrologist and instructor in private practice. Guidance for smooth transition, consultations regarding self-esteem, feminization techniques, changing documentation, referrals and permanent hair removal Working with the gender community for over ten years. ☎(404) 242-2148

FLORIDA (320-340)

TV/TS/SO - **GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE**:
GING, Gail Driaper
Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more than their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donation. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville. Interviewed as to their needs. ☎ (904) 332-8178

▲ - **PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS**: PO Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261
Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups. Interview required. ↪Newsletter

TV/TS - **FANTASIA:** c/o GLCS, PO Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853- 3446
Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood
Group meets twice a month to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting TV/TS Community through education & understanding. Interview. ☎ (407) 425-4527

TV/TS/SO - **SERENITY**: PO Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022
Meetings the third Friday each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale. ☎ (305) 436-9477 ↪ Newsletter

TS - **THE EDEN SOCIETY**:
PO Box 1692, Pompano Beach FL 33061-1692
M-F and F-M TS support group. Meets second Saturday of month at MCC church in Ft. Lauderdale. No dues. Newsletter $20/year ☎ (305) 784-9316 ↪ Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **ANIMAS**: PO Box 420309, Miami FL 33242
Group meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to exchange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. Consultants in fashion / image available. ↪ A periodic newsletter

TS - **ENCHANTE**: c/o J.L. Hores, 1801 69th Ave.South, St. Petersburg FL 33712
Support group for TSs. Meets monthly on second Friday in a private home. Scrrening before attending first meeting. Call or write. ☎ 813) 972-2617(Kerry TS), 866-0438(Joe) ↪ Newsletter

TV/TS - **VENICE TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP**: No longer meeting.

TV/TG/TS/SO - **STARBURST**: PO Box 298, Lithia FL 33547-0298
Open support group for the transgendered community. Meetings in St. Petersburg. Interview required. Meetings the third Saturday of each month from 7:00-11:00pm. Outside events in addition to meetings occur from time to time. Interview by member of Board required. ↪ *Butterflies* ☎ (813) 633-9653

TS - **ECLIPSE**: PO Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664-2826
Support group for transsexuals. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. Screening before attending meeting. Call or write. ↪ *Butterflies* ☎ (813) 546-3089 (Felisha TS)

TG/TS - **TAMPA SISTERS**: TGIF, PO Box 272819, Tampa FL 33688-2819
Alliance of transgendered, transsexual and new women. Monthly meetings every second Saturday. Peer support, guest speakers, educational offerings/workships, library and social events. Affiliated with Tampa Gender Information Center (TGIF).
Newsletter. ☎Voice mail (813) 935-6848, Kimberly Westwood. Please leave contact information.

A CLINICAL APPROACH COUNSELING CENTER, INC.:
Coral Springs, Florida
Marcia L. Schultz, PsyD, Clinical Director.
Clinical psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couple therapy, evaluation for hormone therapy and surgery. Actively involved in TS and TV support groups. Also work with gay and lesbian issues. ☎(305) 345-2292

LIBBY A. TANNER, PhD, LCSW, LMFT:
5901 S.W. 100 Terrace, Miami FL 33156
Therapist specializing in Adult Psychotherapy, Sex and Relationship Therapy. Working with the gender community for twenty-five years.
☎ (305) 665-4934

FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.:
P O Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32607
Referrals to medical doctors for SRS, psychologist, electrologist, etc. Monthly meetings. Distribution of legal/medical/social information for TSs. Post-op F-M TS offers consultation. Meet each month on the second and fourth Friday. $5 per meeting. Must be screened by directors. ☎ (904) 332-6638 ↪ *Insight*

ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.
1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162
Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist, Adele Kates, Director.
Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.
☎ (305) 651-6442

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING:
2999 N.E, 191 St., Suite 607 Aventura FL 33180
Coral L. Schlosberg, PhD, LCSW, LMFT
Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical psycho-therapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group forTV/TS. Individual and group therapy. ☎ (305) 936-8000

GENDER CONGRUITY CENTER: 9960 Center Park Blvd. South, #404, Boca Raton FL 33428 ☎ (800) 328-2633

TAMPA STRESS CENTER: P O Box 273107, Tampa FL 3368-3107
Carl W. Bushong, PhD
A private service providing counseling for crossdressers, the gender conflicted and their significant others where dressing poses a concern. Counseling, evaluation and support for TSs and their significant others. Referral and guidance of appropriate individuals for hormonal management and transition. All services by appointment.
☎ (813) 884-7835

COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICES OF PINELLAS COUNTY, INC.: Judith A. Meisner, PhD, LCSW, LMFT,
3530 First Avenue North, Suite 209, St. Petersburg FL 33713
Board certified sex therapist & clinical supervisor; board certified clinical sexologist; licensed clinical social worker & licensed marriage and family therapist; life clinical fellow, American Academy of Clinical Sexologists. Private, confidential service providing counseling or consulting for transgendered persons and/or their partners. By appointment only. ☎(813) 327-1672

ALABAMA (350-369)

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA:** SERGA, PO Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802
Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. Mandatory orientation .

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.
Montgomery Institute, PO Box 3361, Montgomery, AL 35109
Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.
TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.
☎ (205) 272 -2726

TENNESSEE (370-384)

TV/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS**: PO Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209
Meetings on the second Saturday of the month at a private location in the Nashville area. Write or call to be interviewed. ☎ (615) 664-6883 (voice mail) Monthly newsletter

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** PO Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403-0061
Support group serving the Memphis metropolitan area. Inquire. *Ms. Cotton Belle*

TV/TS - **TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Apt. #4, Memphis TN 38104-2402
Group meets on 4h Saturdays at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1486 Madison. Open at 6:00pm, there is a room to change in. Contact Rev. Prowett for information.

TS - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON/TENNESSEE**: c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Apt. #4, Memphis TN 38104-2402
Support group for transgendered persons in prison and those coming out on parole. Frienship, referrals, pen-pal club, referrals for medical advice, education. Quarterly newsletter distributed from Canada and Tennessee. Free to inmates, donation requested from non-transgendered and those on the outside. Secure mailing list. % (901) 726-1547
Also, see TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

GEORGE R. BROWN, MD: Department of Psychiatry,
Mountain Home VAMC, Johnson City TN 37684
Psychiatric/medical practice devoted to gender and sexuality concerns. SRS evaluation, hormone treatment. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards.
☎ (615) 926-1177 ext. 7709

MISSISSIPPI (386-396)

TV/TG/TS - **AURORA**: c/o Kim Brown, PO Box 1306, Florence MS 39073
Serving all the transgender community. Meetings the first Saturday of the month in the Jackson area. Interview required.
☎ (601) 845-1328

▲ - **BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI**:
PO Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253 Lee Frances, Secretary
☎ (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs). *Premiere*

KENTUCKY (403-427)

TV/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY**: LGS, PO Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458
Educational social and support group regardless of sexual preference or orientation. Meet on the second Saturday of each month. Invitations to meetings after screening
☎ (502) 966-3128, Janet; (502) 635-7995, Patricia; (502) 966-8701, Lori

OHIO (434-457)

TV/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** PO Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287
An open support group providing a non-threatening environment. Meetings the second Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Peer support.We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, Cross-Port. Include brief biography of yourself, tell where you heard about us. *The Crystal Chronicle* ☎(614) 265-7488

▲ - **ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Box 2053, Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053
A support, social, and educational organization for heterosexual cross-dressers and their wives and partners. Members from Cleveland area and throughout NorthernOhio.Meetings second Saturday of the month. Phone (216) 556-0067 *la femme Silhouette*

CD - **PARADISE CLUB**: Paradise, PO Box 29564, Parma OH 44129
Emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ at each meeting. Meeting the third Saturday of the month. Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. CDs must dress at meetings.
Paradise Tales

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT**: Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657
A support organization regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation. Meets the third Thursday of the month. All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is rule. ☎ (513) 474-9557, Joyce.
Monthly newsletter

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201
Mental health hotline and service provider. Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues. ☎ (614) 299-6600

INDIANA (463-479)

TV/TG/TS/F-M/M-F/Family/Friends -**INDIANA CROSS-DRESSERS SOCIETY:** IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220
IXE makes every effort to provide a safe and supportive environment for individuals involved with gender identity issues. We welcome anyone dealing with gender identity issues ans their suportive family and friends. Please contact for meeting dates and times.
☎ Danielle (317) 781-0834, Holly (317) 786-3425 (Indianapolis), or Gerri (812) 882-4755 (Evansville) monthly newsletter

MICHIGAN (480-499)

CROSSROADS: PO Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245
Crossroads emphasizes friendship, support, and peace of mind of all. Formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250. Formal and casual social activities. Referrals to other organizations nation-wide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. Also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work. Welcomes mature and responsible people. ☎ Messages: (313) 537-3267 *Crossroads Chatter*

TV/TS - **NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP**: N.G.D.O, PO Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202
Justina Williams, President
Support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers. We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are *separated* as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee. Meetings are held at a safe location.
☎ (313) 842-5258 *NGDO Key to Freedom*

▲ - **THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area):**c/o Tri-Ess, PO Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary)
See Society for the Second Self, Tulare, CA

CD/TS/SO - **I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN**: PO Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501
Social, support, and educational group. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials. Membership confidential.

CD/TS/SO - **NORTHWEST MICHIGAN GENDER SOCIETY**: c/o Tricia Marie Benton, PO Box 271, Petoskey MI 49770
Monthly meeting, newsletter, Partner's Support Group. Interview before attending first meeting. Newsletter

HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER: Sandra L.Samons, ACSW, CAC, 1480 Shevchenko, Ann Arbor MI 48103
Individual and family therapist knowledgeable about gender issues. Day or evening times available. Leave message and your call will be returned. ☎ (313) 663-7871

LEE PADULA, PhD: 37677 Professional Center Dr., Suite 110, Livonia MI 48154
Licensed psychologist, marital and family therapist, certified sex therapist. More than ten years of experience working with CD/TG/TS/SOs and families in the gender community. Psychological evaluations for hormones and for SRS. Transition support in employment. Day and evening appointments. ☎ (313) 953-3333

IOWA (500-528)

▲ - **IOWA ARTISTRY**: Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406
Support group for gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate. This is also the Iota Alpha chapter of Tri-Ess. Rap sessions, annual picnic, annual banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests, and informational programs. ⟲ Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS - **QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION:** 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802
Social support group for all genderists. Meets first Sunday of the month at 6pm. ☎ (319) 324-6941 from 6pm - 9pm.

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**: RCGA, PO Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680
MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. ⟲ *The Transformer*

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE: PO Box 12164, Des Moines IA 50312 Susan McIntyre, MSW, ACSW
Counseling and support services for CD/TS and androgynous persons. Individual and group activities. Referrals. ☎ (515) 277-7754

PMC TRANSGENDER COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION: Richard V. Campagna, MA, JD, PO Box 5265, Coralville IA 52241-5265
Legal, psychological and financial counseling for CD/TV/TS and androgynous persons. Referrals. Sliding scale. Travel frequently to Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, USVI. ☎ (319) 354-3189 FAX (319) 337-2045

WISCONSIN (530-548)

TV/TS/TG/SO - **GEMINI GENDER GROUP:** PO Box 44211, Milwaukee WI 53214
An open support group for all sexual orientations for transgendered persons, significant others, friends and family. Monthly meetings on second Saturday.
☎ (414) 297-9328 (voicemail) ⟲ Newsletter

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230, First Financial Building, Milwaukee WI 53226-1304
A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people. A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards. Contact Gretchen Fincke, or Roger Northway. ☎ (414) 774-4111

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: Great Lakes Gender Clinic, 3250 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53211 Charles A.Kiley, ACSW, CICSW
Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior. Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services. ☎ (414) 332 5407

TRANSGENDER IDENTITY GROUP: c/o Ivanoff and Ivanoff, Ste 1810 Clark Building, 633 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203-1918
Therapy program for M-F TG/TV/CD provided by licensed psychologist meets the second Sunday afternoon each month. Individual and group support services for family and friends. Individual therapy for F-Ms. Comprehensive screening, appropriate referrals. Use HBIGDA Standards of Care. ☎ (414) 271-3322

MINNESOTA (550-567)

TV/TS/SO - **MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION**: MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117
An open service and peer support group for transgendered persons, their significant others, and interested persons. Services' listing for members. Interview required. ⟲ Newsletter bimonthly ☎ (612) 220-9072 (voicemail)

TS - **NEW MEN AND WOMEN OF MINNESOTA:** PO Box 6432, Minneapolis MN 55406-0432
Meetings, referrals. ☎ (612) 220-1920 ⟲ Newsletter

▲ **BETA GAMMA, TRI-ESS**: Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408
See Society for Second Self,Tulare CA.

CD - **CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY**: CLCC, PO Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55414
Monthly meetings. The group provides a comfortable social setting for crossdressers to meet like-minded folks. Orientation is not considered. Interview before coming to the first party. ☎ (612) 229-3613

GENDER EDUCATION CENTER: GEC, PO Box 1861, Minneapolis, MN 55311 Debbie Davis, Director
An educational outreach and support service with resource information, presentations, workshops, education, training and consulting on transgender and women's issues. We provide the opportunity to learn about the transgendered community, gender issues and the new Minnesota Human Rights Ammendment. Consulting, diversity training, speakers's bureau. ☎ (612) 424-5445, FAX (612) 424-8595

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM: c/o Program in Human Sexuality, 1300 South 2nd Street, Ste 180 Minneapolis, MN 55454
A professionally managed gender program based on the HBIGDA's *Standards of Care*. Administered by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School. Comprehensive evaluation, gender dysphoria is clarified through psychotherapy. Services include an ongoing psychotherapy group for sex reassigned transsexuals, psychological services for families and friends, evaluation and treatment of gender dysphoric children and adolescents, complete physical health care. ☎ (612) 625 1500, FAX (612) 626-8311

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM: Program in Human Sexuality, Dept. of Family Practice and Community Health, U. of Minnesota Medical School, 1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454
In collaboration with the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Aliveness Project, the Program in Human Sexuality offers an HIV/AIDS education-prevention program for crossdressing, transgender and transsexual persons and their partners. In addition, the Program provides psychological health care and support for transgender persons with HIV/AIDS. ☎ (612) 625-1500, FAX (612) 626-8311

DISTRICT 202: 2524 Nicollet Ave., So. Minneapolis MN 55408
Safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth to be with peers.

ILLINOIS (600-629)

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF TRANSGENDER CHILDREN: PFTC, c/o Ellie Altman, 3005 Manor Drive, Northbrook IL 60062

Support group to help establish a shared and caring organization to provide information, lectures and friendship to partners and parents and parents of members of the transgender community. Telephone interview required before attending meeting. Call or write for more information.
☎ (708) 564-3005

▲- **CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS**: P Box 40, Wood Dale IL 60191-0040
Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line, library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of Be All You Want To Be weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.
☎ (708) 364-9514 ☍ Newsletter

TS - **THE SUNDAY SOCIETY**: PO Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647
Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder
Outreach and support organization. Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month. Operate a BBS. Telephone interview or previous contact required to attend meetings.
☎ (312) 486-3125 (312) 252-7024, Sheila L.

TV/TS/SO - **CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY**: CGS, PO Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657
Social and educational support group. Meets on the second Tuesday and socials on fourth Tuesday and fourth Saturday each month. Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding.
☎ (708) 863-7714 ☍ *The Primrose*

TV/TS/SO - **CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION**: CIGA, PO Box 182, Washington IL 61571
Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers provided to the general public on some subjects. Meetings are on the 2nd Sunday. Interview required. ☎ (309) 444-9918, JoAnn ☍ Monthly newsletter

RONALD B. BARON, MD:
2120 Sheridan Road, Highland Park IL 60035
Private practice of psychiatry. Medical psychotherapy; sex therapy; psychiatric consultations. ☎ (708) 432-7007

RANDI ETTNER, PhD:
1214 Lake Street, Evanston IL 60201
Clinical psychologist specializing in gender dysphoria, and professionally associated with Eugene Schrang, MD in Wisconsin. Preoperative evaluation, pre- and postoperative counseling for transition and beyond. ☎ (708) 328-3433

MISSOURI (630-658)

TV/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION**: St L G F, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117
MAGGIE affiliate. Oppen support group. Meets monthly on the third Saturday in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events. Club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOs' group meets for professionals and significant others. ☎ Voice mailbox: (314) 997-9897ext. 35. Please leave contact information.
☍ *Gateway Femmes Gazette*

TS/SO -**TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON**: Non-prisoners contact DEE FARMER, 23288037, PO Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. PATRICIA FISHER, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6
Education, advocacy, and legal support. ☍ Quarterly newsletter

TV/TS -**MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE** (MAGGIE): c/o Jennifer Richards, St. Louis Gender Foundation, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117
Coalition of five mid-American gender associations: St. Louis Gender Foundation, Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends, Iowa Artistry, Wichita Transgender Alliance, City of Lakes Crossfender Community and Omaha River City Gender Alliance.

TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT:** Address invalid.
Support group for people in transition, or who have changed gender and their significant others. Provides services to F-Ms and M-Fs equally. Open to all sexual orientations. Meetings every other Friday evening. Contact Joan Cunningham, ☎ (816) 241-1411

KANSAS (660-679)

TV/TS/SO -**CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS**: CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204
MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting/social night the third Saturday of each month. Partner support, Big Sister program. ☍ Newsletter ☎ (913) 791-3847

TV/TS - **WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** PO Box 16831, Wichita KS 67216-0831
MAGGIE affiliate. Peer support group open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion. Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals, Changing facilities, brochures. A chat with an officer of the Alliance required to ensure that you'd benefit . ☍ Newsletter

CD RESEARCH CENTER:
Rebecca Gail Croslove,
418 Linn Street, Leavenworth KS 66048-3437

NEBRASKA (680-693)

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**: RCGA, PO Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680
MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. Screening required . ☍ *The Transformer*

LOUISIANA (700-714)

TV/TS/SO - **GULF AREA GENDER ALLIANCE:** Box 870213, New Orleans LA 70187-1300
Open support group. No longer a Tri-Ess chapter. Spouses and SOs invited to participate. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in New Orleans. ☍ *The Flip Side*

TS/TV/CD/FI/SO **NEW GROUP FORMING**: c/o LA Belle, PO Box 4373, Baton Rouge LA 70821-4373
We are open to all in the transgender community. Part of the Southern Transgender Education Progroam. Write for more information.

ARKANSAS (716-729)

▲ - **WIVES'/PARTNERS' CONCERNS**: Linda Peacock, PO Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221
Membership fee for wives/partners is $10 per year. This includes membership in Tri-Ess and subscription to quarterly *Sweetheart Connection*. An additional $25 is required if you also want to get the *Femme Mirror*. ☍ *Sweetheart Connection*

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** PO Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221
Social/support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their significant others, and families. ☎ (501) 227-8798, (501) 523-2466

OKLAHOMA (730-749)

TV/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL**: C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104
Social organization and support group . No one excluded for sex or sexual preference. Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.
☎ (918) 582-6643/835-5334

▲ - **SIGMA BETA**: PO Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123
Social/support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their SOs, and families.

TV/TS - **DESIRE**: c/o Ms.Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104
For all sisters and spouses. Will answer all questions on femme males and personal problems. Suicide is not the answer. I know. Fee: be a friend to the needy.

TEXAS (750-799)

▲ - **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER aka METROPLEX CD CLUB**:
PO Box 141924, Irving TX 75014
Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Help Me, Accept Me discussion group meets on third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. ☎ (214) 264-7103 ⊂⊃ *The Texas Rose*

TV/TS - **AGAPE**: 1631 Dorchester, #112, Plano TX 75075
Support for female-to-male and male-to-female TVs and TSs. Call for more information. ☎ (214) 424-1234

FTM - **RECAST EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NETWORK**:
ReCast, PO Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001
National FTM support organization. Interacts with psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists and other professionals. Gives seminars on gender issues. Offers F2M educational material. Local bi-monthly meetings, international FTM network. ⊂⊃ *En*Gender*

SO - **SIGNIFICANT OTHER SUPPORT**: SOS, c/o ReCast, PO Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001
Support and information for partners, families and friends of Female-to-Male transgendered or transsexual persons. Group works through a quarterly column in several F2M newsletters. Call or write to share with someone who has been down the same path. ☎ (214) 641-4842 Rebecca

TS - **TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS**: Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest Blg., 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Ste560, Houston TX 77058
Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area, $5 charge for refreshments. Please call before coming. ☎ (713) 333-2278

TV/TS/SO - **GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY**: GCTC, PO Box 66643, Houston TX 77266
Social organization. Meetings second Saturday each month. Group discussion, noon on first Tuesday and evening on third Thursday. Co-sponsors International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Interview for new members.
☎ (713) 780-GCTC, (713) 780-4282 voice ⊂⊃ *Gulf Coast Transgender Community*

TS/SO - **TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF TRANSSEXUALS**: TATS, PO Box 142, Bellaire TX 77401 Taylor Montgomery
Guys' Social, Gals' Social, Combo Social. Must contact before attending .
⊂⊃ Newsletter ☎(713) 827-5913 voice mail

▲ - **TAU CHI CHAPTER -TRI ESS**: Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105
Meetings the third Saturday of the month in the Houston area. Wives and Partners Auxiliary meets the second Friday of the month. Boys R Us meets monthly (meet male self)Heterosexual Cross-dressers Anonymous (HCDA) meets every Wednesday evening. Screening required for new members. ☎ (713) 988-8064 voice. ⊂⊃ *Femme Forum*

SO - **WATS**: PO Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163
A support group for women involved with transgendered men. Names are confidential. ☎ (210) 980-7788, before 9:00pm CT, please. ⊂⊃ *Partners*

TV/TS/SO - **BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY**: PO Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163
Peer support for people with any gender transposed nature. Meetings the first Saturday of each month, local referrals, outreach, reference library, sponsors annual Texas T Party, spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS), couples support, TS issues group. Screened prior to meeting attendance.
☎ (210) 980-7788 ⊂⊃ *Gender Euphoria*

TV/TS/SO - **AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE**: PO B 14965, Austin TX 78761
All enjoy full membership/voting rights. *Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.*- Camus. Monthly meeting, Austin area. Personal interview. ☎ (512) 515-5460 Wed. 7-9pm

▲ - **ALPHA CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS**: PO Box 50266, Amarillo TX 79159
Monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month in Amarillo, TX area.
☎ (806) 359-7714, most evenings except Wednesdays and Sundays.

TV/TS - **WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE**: c/o Tami Maloney, PO Box 6726, Abilene TX 79608
Group meets the second Saturday of each month in Abilene, Texas. Personal interview.

THE CENTER FOR CHANGE, DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT:
7525 John T. White Road, Fort Worth TX 76120,
Dr. George Carpenter, Director for Transgender Medical Therapy.
Comprehensive medical practice, HIV specialized physicians, psychiatrist, psychotherapists, registered massage therapy, hypnotherapist. Care for crossdressing, transgendered, and transsexual persons and their partners. Complete treatment plans. Surgical referrals as indicated. Member HBIGDA. ☎ (817) 429-4769

ROSENBERG CLINIC, Gender Treatment Program:
1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550
Formerly the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch. Since the mid-'70s professional services rendered to the transgender community throughout the Southern U.S. Subscribe to the *Standards of Care*. Support group meetings held so new and old clients can meet and share experiences. Treatment services are available to those not specifically seeking surgical intervention. ☎ (409) 763-0016

COLORADO (800-816)

SO -**TEENAGE KIDS OF Ts**: TAKOTS, c/o Laurie Ciccotello, 1740 S. Buckley Road #6-178, Aurora CO 80017
Support group for children of T-persons.

TV/TS - **THE PHOENIX PROJECT**: 1740 South Buckley Road, #6-178, Aurora CO 80017
Transition support services. Speakers' Bureau.

TV/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.**: GIC, 1455 Ammons Street, Suite 100, Lakewood CO 80215
Educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. GIC provides information and education on the issues of crossdressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. GIC also provides a Speakers' Bureau. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when you leave a message. ☎ (303) 202-6466

▲ - **DELTA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: PO Box16208, Denver CO 80216
A support/social group with monthly meetings and activities, addressed to the issues of the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network, directory of commercial services and correspondence. Screening interview before attending . ⊂⊃ *Femme Mirror*
☎ (303) 595-5TRI

TV/TS - **SUPPORT GROUP OF PUEBLO**: PO Box 1918, Pueblo CO 81002
Support and educational group for the gender community of Southern Colorado. Meets at 7:00pm 2nd Tuesday of each month at 635 W. Corona, Space 126. ☎ (719) 543-6460

INSTITUTE FOR GENDER STUDY AND TREATMENT:
Tomye Kelley, MA, PO Box 126, Arvada CO 80001
Practice limited to work with CDs, the gender conflicted, and their significant others. Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Professional Speakers' Forum. ☎ (303) 420-9885

DEB-ANN THOMPSON, PhD, NCACII, CACIII:
2755 S. Locust Street, Suite #207, Denver CO 80222
Psychotherapist. ☎ (303) 758-6634

WYOMING (820-831)

TG/TS - **CENTRAL WYOMING TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP**: 4820 South Ash, Casper WY 82601
Open TG/TS support group. Weekly meetings on Friday. ☎ (307) 473-2429

UTAH (840-847)

TG - **REFLECTION HOUSE**: PO Box 628, Pleasant Grove UT 84062
Hosts local self-help educational seminars and support groups for transgendered people. Admission by application/invitation only. ☎ & FAX (801) 224-4737

▲ - **ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Alpha Rho, PO Box 571242, Murray UT 84157-1242
Support group for heterosexual Male-to-Female crossdressers and their families. ☎ (801) 553-8141

TENDERLY SUPPORTIVE GENDER SUPPORT NETWORK:
Group is no longer running. All correspondence should be through Robin Dexter at Reflection House, listed above.

ARIZONA (850-864)

TV/TS - **A ROSE**: PO Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813
All are welcome: M-F, F-M. Offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your orientation or practices. ⇨ *A Rose News*

▲ - **ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER**: POBox 1738, Tempe AZ 85280
A support group offering social activities, monthly meetings. Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required. ⇨ *The Cactus Flower*

WINGSPAN: 422 North 4th Avenue, Tucson AZ 85705
Gay and Lesbian Center. Some TG groups meet there from time to time. Write for more information.

TV/TS/Gay CD - ▲ - **TAU UPSILON CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: 8802 Broadway Blvd., #145, Tucson AZ 85710
A support/social group that **welcomes ALL transgender, transsexual and transvestite persons**, their families and friends with meetings the second Saturday of the month. Attendance fee after three free introductory meetings. Screening interview before attending . ⇨ *Femme Mirror* ☎ (303) 296-3472

TS - **GENDER CRISIS HELP LINE**
Information, referrals and guidance for those seeking sex reassignment, only. ☎(602) 293-3456

COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: Ginnie Monroe Grant, CISW, 5440 S. Clambake, Tempe AZ 85283
Individual, family and small group counseling and education for all gender issues. Insurance accepted as full fee, sliding scale, available evenings, days, weekends. ☎ (602) 897-0444

SHEILA FRIEDEMAN DICKSON, PhD:
3930 East Camelback Rd, # 205, Phoenix AZ 85018
Clinical psychologist experienced in individual, couples and family TV/TS and gender identity counseling. Referrals. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. ☎ (602) 956-3006

NEW MEXICO (870-884)

▲ - **FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess**: 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109.
Social support group, the Phi Chapter of Tri-Ess. Monthly meetings in the Albuquerque area. Screening required for new members. ⇨ *Fiesta!*

TG/TS/SO - **SUPPORT GROUP**: c/o Steohanie, 2449 Algodones N.E., Albuquerque NM 87112
Unaffiliated support group for TS/TG/TV and their families. Meetings twice a monthy for support, understanding, and acceptance through all phases of the transition.. Screening interview for new members.

NEVADA (890-898)

▲ -**THETA UPSILON GAMMA - Chapter of Tri-Ess**: c/o Ms. Joan Fry, 2712 N. Green Valley Pky., #108, Henderson NV 89014
Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their spouses/partners/friends. Screening interview required. Meetings the second Saturday of each month. Information and speakers' bureau available. (702) 387-3891 voice mail.

TV/TS/SO -**JENNIFER & FRIENDS**: PO Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432
Social support group meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

TG/TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS SUPPORT GROUP**:
For both F-M and M-F. Meetings the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Community Counseling Center, 1120 Almond Tree Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 6:00 pm. Will consider hormones, doctors, surgery, name changes, passing problems, relationships, careers and job problems, and educational issues. Non-threatening environment for spouses, significant others, and family members. For more information leave a message for Marty. ☎ (702) 594-7884

CARING COUNSELING:
Nancy Lee, PhD, 2061 Market Street, Reno NV 89502
Individual, couple, group and family counseling. Gender identity and sexuality issues, validation of individuality. One- or two-hour sessions. ☎ (702) 322-7771

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA(900-960)

TG/TS/SO - **MINORITY AIDS PROJECT**: 5149 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90016
Discussion and rap groups conducted by the Project's TS/TG program for TG/TS persons and their SOs. HIV/AIDS information, hormone treatment, support groups and more. ☎(213) 936-9338

TS - **AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER:** A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave, #584, Hollywood CA 90028 Amanda Silvestri, Dir.
Serving the transgender and tran-ssexual community, a confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical/psychological help, speakers, & newsletter. ☎ (213) 389-6938

▲ - **ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: PO Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036, Kym Richards, Pres., Virginia Prince Founder.
Los Angeles Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters. Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual CDs and their wives/partners/families. ☎ ask for Virginia. (213) 876-6141 ⇨ *Alpha Bits*

TV/TS- **REDWOOD EMPIRE SOCIAL GROUP:** POB 1531, Sonoma CA 95476
Support group for the transgendered. Fourth Tuesday of month. (707) 938-8029

TV/TG/TS/SO - **GENDER AWARENESS LEAGUE**: c/o Grace Bredow, PO Box 46062, Los Angeles CA 90046
For individuals and loved ones related to gender issues. Meetings every Monday night 8-10pm at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1625 Hudson Street, Room #109, Los Angeles.

TV - **ANDROGYNY**: PO Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90004
Social and support group for those who crossdress. Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA. Mention that you are calling about Androgyny. 9:00am - 9:00pm PT. ☎ (213) 467-8317, Shiela or Shirley

TV/TS - **CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** PO Box 14521 Long Beach CA 90803
Private membership club for those who appreciate the drag scene. Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details.

TV/TS - **ON THE SCENE NIGHT:** Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806
Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends. Everyone welcome. On the Scene Night the 2nd Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the 4th Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary in Studio City. ⇨ *TV Epic*

TV/SO - **CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB**:
CHIC, PO Box 8487, Long Beach CA 90808

For heterosexual CDs only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local S. California organization. Offer support and friendship, stress security, good manners. Meetings, parties, dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. Sponsor public educational programs. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month for members and approved guests.
☎ Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142. *CHIC Clippings*

CD/TS - **CD SOCIAL GROUP**
PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021

A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for information.

CD/TS/SO - **BORN FREE:**:
PO Box 1897, Corona CA 91720

Monthly dinner meeting with guest speaker for members of the gender community, their family and friends. Planned members-only outings from time to time. $40 per year. Screening required. *Born Free*

TV/TS/SO - **PSGV TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT**: 401 South Main Street, Suite 104, Pomona CA 91765

All M-F, F-M transgenderists, their significant others, friends, and anyone else interested are welcome to attend a support group meeting held at the Pomona/San Gabriel Valley Gay & Lesbian Center every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Meetings are free, but a donation is requested. ☎ (909) 620-8987

TV/TS/SO - **NEUTRAL CORNER**: PO Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112

A self-help group to help its members live normal and productive lives. Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, monthly newsletter, membership consulting, wives' and families' input.
☎ (619) 685-3696 *Reflections*

TS - **PHOENIX RISING**:
c/o Kristen Dixon, PO Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852

A support/social group for transsexuals in transition. Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, hope. No dues or fees required.

LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUALS

Monthly support group for family, friends of transsexuals and interested medical professionals facilitated by Jeanee Ebner, a mother of a post-op TS. Meets the second Thursday of each month. Specifically for TSs and their affiliates. ☎(714) 786-6891

LADIES KNIGHT OUT: Address invalid.

Heterosexual crossdressing couples' support group. Monthly BBQs, potlucks, and parties supplemented by outings to a variety of places for fun. Call or write. ☎ (714) 262-9105

TV/TS/SO - **POWDER PUFFS OF CALIFORNIA**: PPOC, PO Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686

Open social and support group. Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month. Hosts annual anniversary and Christmas dinners. Sponsors annual weekend event in April/May, California Dreamin'. Founding member of Southern Cal.Gender Leadership Council. Interview by club officer is required. ☎ (714) 779-9013 weekdays 9:00 to 9:00 pm PT, leave message. *PPOC Girl Talk*

▲ - **TRI-CHI - TRI ESS:** PO Box 194, Tulare CA 93275

Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others. See Society for the Second Self, Tulare, CA

▲ - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF**: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275

Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, and chapters throughout the US. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual, complies with Tri-Ess code of conduct.
☎ (209) 688-9246 *Femme Mirror*

BRAD TAYLOR, MA
Offices of Jerome Rabow,PhD, 10350Santa Monica Blvd.
Ste 310 Los Angeles CA 90025

Registered Marriage Family Child Counselor Intern. Works with couples and individuals on issues related to transvestism/crossdressing. ☎ (310) 576-5455

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:
32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675 Wm. G. Heard, PhD,Director.

Program for gender dysphoric persons. Evaluative and treatment techniques developed which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society. Permits the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, follow-up. ☎ (714) 240-7020

LOS ANGELES GENDER CENTER: LAGC, 3331 Ocean Park Blvd., Ste 100, Santa Monica CA 90405. Marie Keller, MFCC

LAGC is a collaborative of mental health professionals who provide treatment for individuals and their families dealing with gender-related issues. Individual, family, group therapy and educational services related to CD/TS/lesbian/gay/bisexual issues. Screening session with psychotherapist needed.

TRANSGENDER COUNSELING AND RESEARCH CENTER: 4545 Park Boulevard, Suite 207, San Diego CA 92116

Program for those in transition, their friends and relatives. Follows Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Psychotherapy, psychological testing, referrals, group psychotherapy, TS support group, TV support group, family and friends support group.
☎ (619) 542-0088 ext. 1

ROXANNE CHERRY, PhD:
343 3rd Street, Laguna Beach CA 92651

Licensed marriage family child therapist. Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.
☎ (714) 497-9925

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: P O Box 2916, Palm Springs CA 92263 Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director

A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services. Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or correspondence.

INFO LINK ORANGE COUNTY:

Free, confidential referrals to over 3000 agencies.
Also available in Spanish and TDD. ☎ (714) 851-2883

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (900-960)

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO**:
584 Castro, Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588

Focus group of Queer Nation working through direct action for transgender liberation. Been transphobed? Give us a call , have a chat with your oppressors. Stay together. Check your buddy. ☎ (415) 863-6717

TV/TS - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION**: SFGI, c/o Dr. Rebecca Auge, 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610

Maintains database of transgender resources for San Francisco Bay area. Maintains list of speakers for public speaking on gender issues. Database printout including bibliography for $3.00. Make checks payable to Dr. Rebecca Auge. Send SASE for further info.

TV/TS/SO - **EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL:** ETVC, P O Box 426486 San Francisco CA 94142-6486

TVs, TSs, SOs, and friends. Social, educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public.Open membership policy with over 400 members and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals. ☎ (510) 549-2665 hotline; (413) 334-3439 vice-,ail. Telzey at (510) 849-4112 *The Channel*

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS, c/o ETVC, PO Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486
Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of CD/TSs. Meetings . ⟲ Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS**: DVG, PO Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885
Informal, social support group. Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons. ☎ (510) 937-8432 answered live weekday evenings 7-9 pm Pacific Time. ⟲ *Devil Woman*

TV/TS/SO - **PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH**: 1250 Pine Street, Walnut Creek CA 94596
Peer support/discussion groups for TG persons. Satelllite office. ☎ (510) 939-7711

FTM/SO - **FEMALE-TO-MALE**: FTM, 5337 College Avenue #142, Oakland CA 94618
Monthly support group exclusively for, female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others. Quarterly FTM newsletter $15.00/yr ($20 Inter.), Professional sub. rate $25.00/yr. FTM Resource Guide $5.00. Inquire. ⟲ Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH**: 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley CA 94705
Peer support/discussion groups for transgendered persons. This is the main office. ☎ (510) 548-8283

TV/TS/TG - **SWAN'S INNER SOCIETY**: PO Box 1423, San Jose CA 95109
Worldwide sisterhood founded in 1987 for transgendered individuals seeking to explore and develop their feminine experience. Many activities are done by mail. Access and referrals to other groups, helping prodessionals. ⟲ *Swan's Bauble* monthly ☎ (408) 297-1423 FAX (408) 993-8173

TV - **THURSDAY IRREGULARS**: c/o Joan Sheldon, PO Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541
For over 10 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves. Group security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

TV/TS/SO - **RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION**: RGA, PO Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170
Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Social/support group regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Safe and welcome place for all to get together with like-minded individuals. Meetings first and third Fridays of each month. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestites in an effort to help them accept, make peace with themselves. Visitors welcome. ⟲ Newsletter ☎ (408) 984-4044 warmline

TV/TS/SO - **SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION:** SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, PO Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456
SGA is a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community. Membership is open to all interested persons regard-less of gender or sexual orientation. Monthly socials, support groups . ☎ (916) 482-7742 ⟲ Newsletter

▲ - **SIGMA SIGMA BETA - TRI ESS (Sierra Silver Bells):** SSB, PO Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151.See, Society for the Second Self,Tulare CA.

WILLIAM A. HENKIN, PhD: 1801 Bush Street, Suite 111, San Francisco CA 94109
Psychotherapist and board certified sex therapist specializing in work with adults living alternative sex and gender lifestyles. Gender identity concerns and transitions, SM/DS/BD, infantilism, sexual orientation included. Individuals, significant others, couples. ☎ (415) 923-1150

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: GSAP, PO Box 424447, San Francisco CA 94142 Gianna Eveling Israel, Director.
A private personal growth counseling program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues. Short & long-term counseling, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional counseling & training.
☎ (415) 558-8058

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: 191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102
We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House. Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the Tenderloin/'South of Market' communities of San Francisco.
☎ (415) 554-0518

REBECCA AUGE, PhD: 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610
Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, a sliding fee scale. ☎ (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION: HBIGDA, PO Box 1718, Sonoma CA 95476.
Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Established the *Standards of Care*, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria.
☎ (707) 938-2871

ANNE VITALE, PhD: D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901
Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues. Counseling Psychologist. Post-op TS (Jan. 1980). In private practice since 1984. Member of HBIGDA and Bay Area Gender Associates. I provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and make recommendations for hormonal therapy and sex reassignment surgery when applicable. Gender issues group work available and recommended.
☎ (415) 456-4452

JEANNE M. WEST: 450 San Antonio Road #50, Palo Alto CA 94306;
Behavioral therapist. Experienced with the gender community. Private sessions. Confidential. ☎ (415) 494-2952.

HAWAII (967-969)

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: P O Box 4530, Honolulu HI 96812-4530
Social and support group . Bi-weekly meetings held at private location. Support groups, referrals, information. ☎ (808) 923-4270 ⟲ Newsletter

GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER: 1820 University Ave., #208, Honolulu HI 96822
Therapists, referrals, library and one-on-one counseling.
☎ (808) 951-7000, FAX (808) 926-1000

OREGON (970-979)

CD - **NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE**: NWGA, PO Box 4928, Portland OR 97208
A social organization serving the crossdressing community. The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all to attend as often as possible. ☎ (503) 646-2802 ⟲ Newsletter

TV/TG/TS/SO - **TRANS-PORT**: PO Box 66913, Portland OR 97290-6913
Peer support group for all transgendered individuals, their families and friends. One general meeting a month and several suppport meetings. Call for times and locations. Yearly dues $36 and $6 for partner. Screening interview required for new members. ⟲ *TRANS-PORT* ☎ (503) 774-7463

TV/TS/SO - **CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER**: P O Box 3312, Salem OR 97302
Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others. Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, makeup, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings. Individuals will be screened.

TS - **SALMACIS**: The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604 Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist
Salmacis is a social support society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women. Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Salmacis meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR. ☎ (503) 688-4282 (Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST). ⊂⊃ *Femmes Together* and *The Equalitarian Feminist*

TS - **SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network**: SALISHON, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604 Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.
A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle. The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON (980-994)

TS /SO - **TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS**: TLF, Seattle WA
Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend. We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee. New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free. ☎ (206) 292-1037

TV/TS/SO - **EMERALD CITY**: PO Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103
Frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of a variety of gender expressions. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance. Partners welcome at meetings and eligible for membership. Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored. ☎ (206) 284-1071 ⊂⊃ Newsletter

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER:
1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122
Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service. Individual/group counseling, consultation to service providers, referrals, research, public information. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request. ☎ (206) 329-6651

PSYCHCARE NORTHWEST, CENTER FOR SEXUAL HEALTH:
2150 North 107th Street, Suite 200, Seattle WA 98133
Jude Patton, CMFT, PA-C
Program offers counseling services, psychiatric evaluation and treatment, psychometric testing, medication management in a warm, caring and supportive professional environment.

ALASKA(995-999)

ALASKAN T-PEOPLE: c/o Bobbie Wendy Tucey, PO Box 670349, Chugiak AK 99567-0349
Strictly social, not political in any way. Social activities for the whole family: fishing parties, outings, whatever. The purpose is for those of us who have our family's love and support to be able to do things with them.

CANADA

TS - **ETRE FEMME; QUEBEC TRANSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.**:
Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, P. Que., CANADA G1L 1Y2
French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M. Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TSs. Private interview, after therapy group in Quebec City. ☎ (418) 529-1152

TS/SO - **FACTT- QUEBEC**:, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6
Closely affiliated with FACTT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation. Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Speakers on transsexualism to media, etc.

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec,CANADA H3S 2S6
Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Distribution Director/Canadian Regional Director,
Information network for incarcerated transsexuals, including transgendered persons as well. We provide referrals for medical, educational, and public facilities. Counseling services and working with the TS pursuing legal sanctions against their correctional facility with regards to medical care, education, and employment. All incoming mail is screened to ensure that the individual is a person in need of the services offered. ⊂⊃ newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **CLUB MET (Formerly TAM):** 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8
Social support group. Monthly formal meetings and various social activities. Bi-monthly bilingual newsletter. ☎ (514) 528-8874 ⊂⊃ *Garter Press*

TS - **DR. YVON MENARD** 1003 Boulevard St. Joseph Est, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2J 1L2
Surgeon doing sex reassignment and cosmetic surgery. Has done many cases. ☎ (514) 288-3547

TS - **TRANS P.O.R.S.**: 475 Boulevard Gouin Ouest, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3L 1K4
Residence for post-op recovery after SRS and/or cosmetic surgery. ☎ (514) 332-5421

TS/TV - **FACTT - OTTAWA**: Box 7421, Vanier, Ontario, CAN K1L 8E4
Support group for transsexuals and transvestites. Meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact FACTT president through the Ottawa Gayline Arrange a call time.

TS - **TRANSITION SUPPORT**: c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9.
Annual membership fee. Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public. Inquire for details. ⊂⊃ *Trans News*

TV/TS/SO - **XPRESSIONS**: PO Box 223, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5W 1B2
New group dedicated to serving the community with a wide group of activities: activities, dinners, and events-oriented newsletter. Monthly meetings ,annual convention. ☎ (416) 812- 6879

TV/TS - **STREET OUTREACH SERVICES**: SOS, c/o W. Travers, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8
Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution. Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one . ☎ (416) 926-0744 (24 hours)

TV/TG/TS/SO - **GENDER MOSAIC**: PO Box 7421, Vanier Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4
Social support group open to all. Meetings twice a month, parties at other times. First Saturday is an alcohol-free social. Frequent informal activities outside the club. Referrals, help line, quarterly newsletter. Membership $40 per year. ☎ (819) 770-1945
⊂⊃ *Notes from the Underground*

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Clarke Institute of Psychiatry,
250 College Street, Toronto,Ontario,CANADA M5T 1R8
Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphorics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of reassignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period. Weekly therapy available for those in area, referals for those further away. Staff is available for public speaking. ☎ (416) 979-2221, ext. 2339

TV/TS/SO - **CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB**: Canadian CDC, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4

FUN for CD, TS, TG, SOs, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens. Parties every Saturday night. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto. Modest screening process. ☎ (416) 921-6112 (24 hours) ⊂ *CanadianCrossdresserMagazine*

TV/TS/SO - **MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB**: MSC, Mississauga A, P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 3A1

Social organization. Private/public functions,correspondence, peer linking service. Members receive *Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide*. Sponsors annual Mardi Gras Weekend the first weekend in October. Membership interview. ⊂ Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER GROUP**: PRGG, Box 23 Grp 4 RR1, Dugald, Manitoba, R0E 0K0 CANADA

Open, support, social and educational club with accent on fun and education. General meetings the first Wednesday of the month. Write to get meeting date with an interviewer for required screening process.

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 2000, 6802 Ogden Rd. SE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C 1B4.

Social support group meetings the second Saturday and last Thursday of the month(7:30pm). Door fee for cost plus a little contribution to charity. Yearly membership $30 includes subscription to newsletter and membership card. New members must be screened. Must be member or invited guest to attend meetings. ⊂ Bi-monthly newsletter

▲ - **PHI SIGMA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: Attn: Audrey Allen, Box 81115, 755 Lake Bonavista Drive S.E., Calgary, Alberta CANADA T2J 7C9

Meetings the last Saturday of the month. Serves Alberta, Eastern British Columbia & Western Saskatchewan. Eight years in existence.

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 33002 Glenwood P O , Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T5P 4V8.

Social support groupmeeting twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter. ⊂ *Illusions*

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP**: Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia,CANADAV4P 1A4

Support group for transsexuals, including patients of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, and individuals who have been referred to the clinic. Spouses and children are welcome, as are thosevisiting from other cities. Meet 7 - 11:00 pm every Wednesday. Locations vary, so inquire for meeting place. By member referral and/or private interview with member. Our policy is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. ☎ (604) 536-2053

TV/TS/SO - **DREAM GIRLS**: PO Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C 5L7

Social support group. Bi-weekly meetings. Write for information. Interview required.

TS - **ZENITH FOUNDATION**: 8415 Granville Street, Box 46, Vancouver, B.C. CANADA V6P 4Z9

TS, TGs. Publishes educational / informational material. Group just forming. Referrals.

TV/TS/SO - **FOUNDATIONS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRANS-GENDERED PEOPLE'S SOCIETY**: FATE, 1-1727 William Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5L 2R5

Advocacy, peer counseling, education and awareness programs, weekly drop-in programs, monthly socials, referral services. Open organization. ☎ (604) 254-9591

TV/SO - **CORNBURY SOCIETY**: Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1

Monthly social meetings except June, July and August, for heterosexual crossdressers. Changing facilities. Discreeet screening process. Wives and girlfriends welcome. Wig expert, cosmetician, shoe store, larger sizes clothing store, deportment expert.

GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC: Vancouver General Hospital, 715 West 12th Ave, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5Z-1M9
Dr. Diane Watson, Director

Accepts referrals from the patient's general practitioner only. Patients must be residents of British Columbia. Staff includes two psychiatrists, an endocrinology consultant, a psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, two medical consultants, a speech-language pathologist and a coordinator. Psychiatric and psychological counseling, endocrinology, speech therapy. Thursday drop-in, 1:30-3:00pm. Several support groups work with the patients to decide appropriate course of action. SRS is not performed in British Columbia. Minimum of 12 months successful crossliving is required prior to consideration for surgery. ☎ (604) 875-4100

MEXICO

MORENA & ORTA GENDER ISSUES SPECIALISTS:
Acoxpa And. 51 #17 duplex 2,
Col. Villa Coapa, C. P. 14390, Mexico, D. F. MEXICO

Counseling, research and education for transvestites, transsexuals, gender conflicted persons and their families or others. Individual and couples conseling provided by Board Certified Sexologists. Transgender, human sexuality, couple, classes, seminars and workshops. Total confidentiality.
☎ & FAX 673-53-12

ARGENTINA

TS - **TRANSSEXUALS FOR THE RIGHT OF LIFE AND IDENTITY:** TRANSDEVI, Casilla de Correo 151, C.P. 1748 Gral. Rodriguez, Buenos Aires ARGENTINA

BRAZIL

TS - **PURPURINA (GLITTER) PROJECT:** % Katia Monteiro, No. 55 Rua Dia Gloria, #30, Gloria, Rio de Janiero, BRAZIL

Seeks full citizenship for transsexuals, offers condom distribution, medical information, referrals.

ENGLAND

TV - **BEAUMONT SOCIETY**: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization forcrssdressers throughout Great Britain. Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Provide a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service , network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide. Interview with a qualified member. ☎ 0171-756-1782 ⊂ *The Beaumont Bulletin*

TS/SO - **WOBS-THE BS PARTNERS GROUP:** BM, WOBS, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A support group for partners and families of crossdressers. Confidential support network with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help.

TV/TS -**SEAHORSE SOCIETY:** BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A social organization for heterosexual transvestites and transsexuals, social events, etc. Confidentiality assured. ⊂ Newsletter

TV/TS - **BEAUMONT TRUST:** BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations. Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and family to come to terms with problems. % 0171 730 7453

TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CONSULTANCY SERVICES:** BM Box 5434, London WC1 N 3XX. UK

Resource center providing information, publications, counseling, and referrals for transsexuals only. Also supports professionals involved in their care. Ph. & Fax 01323 470230

FTM - **FTM**: BM NETWORK, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND

Social support group for female to male TSs. Quarterly newsletter, free, but donations requested. Annual meetings held in UK, and local friendship groups throughout the world. ⊂ *Boy's Own*

TV - **TRANSVESTITE'S SELF HELP GROUP**: TSHG, P O Box 3281 London E1 6JG ENGLAND

This new group for CDs has been formed by ex-members of the defunct TV/TS

Support Group. Offers a comfortable place to meet, good changing facilities, refreshments, and regular social events. ☎ 0171 289 5240

TV/TS - **NEW TRANSESSEX**: P O Box 3, Basildon, Essex, Eng. SS14 1PT
Social club. Meetings 4th Friday of every month. There is a quarterly magazine, and a help line. Inquire. Very secure. ☎ 0268-583761,Wed./ Sun.eves 7:00pm - 10:00pm. ⇨ *Reflections*

TV/TS - **LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP**: Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary
See Beaumont Society. Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm. ☎ 051 709 4745 Friday evenings only

TV/TS - **INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY**: IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelly, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB
An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free world groups. Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but contributions welcome. Security applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

TV/TS/SO - **THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester)**: Jenny Baker, P O Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND
Asocial and support group associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group. Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar. Accomodation available. ⇨ *Cross Talk*

TV/SO - **ROSE'S**: Roundel Street, Sheffield S9 3LE ENGLAND
International membership social and support group for all crossdressers and their partners. Members receive *Repartee* plus Rose's interim newsletters which include members'directory. Meetings on 2nd Fridays monthly in Sheffield, and at other times with local groups elsewhere. Full confidentiality assured. ☎ 0114 261 9444 ⇨ *Repartee*

SCOTLAND

TV/TS/SO - **GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP:** 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND
Open to members of other groups. First Wednesday of the month from 7:00-9:000 pm, and third Saturday of each month except January, rooms open at 1pm for 2pm meeting, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester. ⇨ *The Tartan Skirt* ☎ 03398 83695

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSLYNX**: c/o SLGS, PO Box 38, Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2QF.
Provide help and support to all. No individual will be excluded because of his sexual orientation. Meets in Glasgow on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Call Strathclyde Gay and Lesbian switchboard, 041-221-8372. Aware of the need for security.

CD/SO - **TRANS-TRAP (SCOTLAND)**: Miss Julie Bradshaw, 30/1 Halmyre Street, Edinburgh EH6 8QD SCOTLAND
Crossdressing counselling and information service set up to help all CDs, their families, partners, and relatives with their problems. It is run by Julie Bradshaw, a transsexual, and her partner Douglas who is not a crossdresser but is involved with the welfare of the partners of the crossdressers. Counselling one-on-one or with the partner or relative if so desired. Utmost discretion. Referrals to other helping professionals if necessary or desired. Trans-Trap is a voluntary service and is entirely funded by donations from clients and friends. Postal clients please send SAE. ☎ 031-555 6416

IRELAND

BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB: PO Box 210, Belfast BT11BGN. IRELAND
Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends. Meetings in Belfast on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Full program of activities.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: c/o Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France. See, Beaumont Society, in the England listings.

CEMTOR(Sexologie et Developpement Hedonique):
6 rue de la Bascule, 45100 Orleans, FRANCE.
Advice, information, referrals, hypnosis, sexology and gender identity.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMMIE TRAVESTIE: KFT, Postfach 6788, CH8023 Zurich,SWITZERLAND
Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

NETHERLANDS

TV/TS/SO - **DE STICHTING REBORN:** Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d IJSSEL, NETHERLANDS
Social support group. Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Immanuel B.de Vries. ☎ 010-4503469 ⇨ Newsletter

STICHTING NEDERLANDS GENDER CENTRUM: c/o Ms. I. E. Neumann, Borssenburg 24, 1181 NV Amstelveen, NETHERLANDS
Coordinates contacts between other groups. Mainly works on behalf of transsexuals.

WERKGROEP (H)ERKENNING: Caroline and Aloys Hulshof, Wielwallstraat 11, 7471 HC GOOR Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Self-help group for (ex)partners , parents and other relatives of transsexuals.

STICHTING EDE: Bennekomseweg 160, 6871 KJ Renkum,NETHERLANDS
Self-help group for female-to-male transsexuals, emotionally. ⇨Newsletter.

STICHTING OMD: P O Box 24, 4844 ZG Terheijden (NB),NETHERLANDS
Independent social service for gender dysphoric persons.

VERENIGING L K G T & T: P O Box 11575, 1001 GN Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Open gender dysphoria group. Monthly regional meetings in various areas. , P O Box 13500, 2501 EM The Hague, NETHERLANDS ⇨ *Transformatie*

TS CONTACT GROUP VIRGIN: P O Box71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS TS support group.Friends /relatives welcome.

WERKGROEP FACET: Rode Kruislaan 61,5628 GB Eindhoven, NETHERLANDS
Self-help group for (married) couples where gender issues are a problem. Phone counseling man-to-man or partner-to-partner.

GENDERTEAM AMSTERDAM Prof.dr. L.J.G. Gooren,
Internist/endocrinologist, Dept/ Endocrinology/Andrology,
Free University Hospital, P O Box 7057,
1007 MB Amsterdam, the NETHERLANDS
Professionally managed gender program based on the Standards of Care, administered by the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam. Presently treats about 1100 clients. The program provides intake, screening, diagnosis, hormonal treatment, surgery and follow up. ☎ (31)(20)5489111 ext. 199, Fax (31)(20)5487502

NEDERLANDSEVERENIGING HUMANITAS:
Ms.P.Klene,P O Box 71,1000 AB Amsterdam,NETHERLANDS
Helps TSs. Phone assistance by trained volunteers.

GERMANY

TV/TS - **TRANSIDENTITAS**: Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitaet, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY
Support group for transvestites and transsexuals. Inquire. ☎ 069 8001008

TSH ESSEN: Claudia Peppenhorst,Caesar Strasse 34, 45130 Essen GERMANY ☎ 0201 - 78 69 99

TS GRUPPE HAMBURG: Christin-Susan Black, Nueblerkamp 13a, 22175 Hamburg, GERMANY ☎ 040-754 43 23

TSH MUENSTER: Claudia Scholz, Budden Strasse 22, 48143 Muenster, GERMANY ☎ 0251 43240

LEBENSBERATUNG FUER TRANSSEXUELLE MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND: Dr. Waltraud Schiffels, Schloss Strasse 6, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY ☎0681-58 39 12

LEBENSBERATUNG FUER TRANSSEXUELLE MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND: Marc Elsholz, Am Hagen 13, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY ☎ 0681-589 8449

TV - **BIZ SONNTAGSCLUB**: Rinower Strasse 8, 10437, Berlin, GERMANY

Counseling and support group for men who like to crossdress. Rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society. ☎ 030-449 75 90

TS -**TRANSSEXUELLENGRUPPE IN DER SEKIS BERLIN**: c/o Uwe Klaassen, Albrecht -Achilles Strasse 65, 10709 Berlin, GERMANY

Meeting every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm. ☎ 030-345 36 81

TS - **VIVA TS-SELBSTHILFE MUENCHEN e. V.:** VIVA Muenchen, c/o Peter Reidel, Hirschbergstr. 14, 80634 Muenchen, GERMANY

Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on Friday 2. (only male), 4. (all female and male), and Friday 5. (only female). There are reports on operators, physicians, therapists, and psychiatrists. We have an annual summer party and an Xmas meeting. Write for more information. ☎ 089-134681 FAX 089-162324 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

TS - **CLUB NEUES LEBEN NOVA:** P O Box 710232-D, 81452 Muenchen, GERMANY

Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on first Friday of the month at 7h pm. Write for more information. ☎ 089-3113260 or 089-616808 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

TS - **CLUB NEUES LEBEN NOVA:** Miss Dr. Lisa Strauss, c/o Aidshilfe-Halle Magdeburger Str. 34-D, 06112 HALLE/Saale, GERMANY

Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings every Wednesday at 7h pm. Write for information. ☎ 0345/36419 (18-19 h, please speak German).

TS/TG/TV/SO - **FPE-FRANKFURT**: c/o Postfach 80 04 42, D-65904 Frankfurt am Main, DEUTSCHLAND/GERMANY

Open support group for TG people and significant others. View being transgendered as a gift, not a disorder. Suffering from cross-identity is not ours. Irregular meetings by arrangement in Frankfurt. Personal meeting before first attending.

TRANSIDENTITAS e. V.: Postfach 10 10 46, D 63010 Offenbach/M.,GERMANY

Frankfurt, meetings every third Wednesday, 8:00pm, Selbsthilfe - Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland strasse 50 (back building) 60314 Frankfurt/Main. Selbsthilfegruppe Magdeburg im KOBES Magdeburg Klosterhof la. Offenbach meetings third Wednesdays, 8:00pm at Selbsthilfe-Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland Strasse 50, Frankfurt/Main. Koblenz at the Coming Out every Monday 7:00-9:00pm. Hannover every Tuesday at HOME-Zentrum, Johannestr. 8, Hannover, from 7:00-9:30pm.

NORWAY

TV - **FPE-NE**: Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY

An organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. A private library for members. Private interview. ☞ *Feminform*

SWEDEN

TV/SO - **FPE-NE**: Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN

See FPE. Northern Europe. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Private interview. ☞ *Feminform*

TV/SO - **FPE-SWEDEN**: Box 529, S 10130 Stockholm, SWEDEN

Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Weekend functions. Contact system for members. Experienced speakers for college, university and radio appearances.Private interview . ☞ *Feminform*

FINLAND

TV/TS - **SETA**: PO Box 55, SF-00531, Helsinki, FINLAND

National Organization for Lesbians and Gay men in Finland. Can refer members of the gender community to support groups and helping professionals around the country. Meetings for TVs the second Thursday of the month, and for TSs on the fourth Thursday, from 7-9 pm. at Oikokatu 3, Helsinki. ☎ (9)0- 135 8303

DENMARK

FPE-NE: Postbks 170, 2620 Greve DK-DENMARK

See, Beaumont Society, in the England listings. Monthly meetings.

TRANSVESTITORGANIZATION IN DENMARK: TID, Postboks 9071, Nyboder Posthus, 1000 Copenhagen K, DK-DENMARK

TURKEY

TRAVESTY/TRANSSEXUALLE: c/o Demet Demir, Lao 176/D.S., Kultur Je Sanat, Siraselviler, Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY

A group representing TV/TS of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish. ☎ 157 8925

TV/TS - **SEXUAL LIBERTIES**: Use the above mailing instructions for Travesty/Transsexualle c/o Iskendar Savasir.

This group represents all sexual minorities in Islamic countries. It has a representative from each minority group. Includes a representative from this community.

PAKISTAN

TV - **KHUSRA OF PAKISTAN:** Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, PAKISTAN

Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground. ☎ code 05921 6158 leave message, o r 05921 2858.

EASTERN EUROPEAN REPUBLICS

TV/SO - **FPE LATVIA**: Elga Remes, Director, Jurmala, -15. P O Box 17, LATVIA LV 2015

Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Contact system for members. Information exchange. All letters answered. Languages: English and German.

RUSSIA

TV/TS - **ICE AND FIRE MOSCOW**: M. Mankevich, Novo-Alekeeuskaya str. 7, Flat No 8, 129626 Moscow, RUSSIA. Also Mirninsky r-n. Gagarina str. 28 Flat #3, 678190 Aihal Yakutia RUSSIA

Support group with a TV secretary in Moscow networking with other cities in Russia. Working to locate, identify and list Russian TVs/TSs suffering in prison/asylums to refer to Amnesty International/IGTA for world attention. Write directly to Margaret Mankevich. **DO NOT USE GROUP NAME OR TITLE ON ENVELOPE.** Do not enclose hard currency. Donations can be made through European account. Inquire for serial number. Any and all educational material about gender issues, academic interest from the world, active aid and financial donations. Overseas aid to publish a magazine. A trust fund to assist passage for TS operations in Europe. Network assistance to accomodate and work in Europe. Written invite still needed from abroad before any Russian can travel. ☎ 287-7096 in Moscow, 11-19 in Yakutia.

JAPAN

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB**: 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-Ku, Tokyo 136, JAPAN
The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for TS, TG\androgynes Located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer Storage facilities. Consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing,rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club also publishes a magazine every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan. ☞ *Queen* ☎ 11.19.03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club).

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB:** 1-1-9 Kujo, Nishi-Ku, Osaka 550, JAPAN.
See previous Elizabeth Club listing.

TS - **ELIZABETH NAGOYA SHOP**: 1-13-15 noritake nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi 453 JAPAN
See Elizabeth Club listings.

TS - **FTM NIPPON**: Adachi-ku, Adachi-nishi-post office 123 Tokyo, JAPAN.
The first Japanese FTM TS support group. Networking through newsletter with other FTM TV/TG/TS all over Japan and in other countries. Newsletter is expensive, but free to foreigners. ☞ *FTM Nippon* ☎ .03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club)

AUSTRALIA

TV/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.**:
PO Box 391, Rhodes, New South Wales 2112, AUSTRALIA
The Seahorse Society, Inc. is a social organization for CDs and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, NSW, Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. The Society has subsumed the Flamingo Association. Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Weekly and monthly meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters. Lending library and guest speakers. Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar organization.

TRANSGENDER LIBERATION COALITION: TLC, P O Box 208, Kings Cross, NSW, 2011 AUSTRALIA
A group of trannys working for the human rights of trannys. We try to negotiate changes with government departments, government policy, law, social attitudes. ☎ (02) 358-5664

SEX WORKERS OUTREACH TRANSGENDER SUPPORT PROJECT:
SWOP, 391 Riley St. Surry Hills, P O Box 1453, Darlinghurst, NSW, 2010 AUSTRALIA
Provides confidential service for trannys in sex work in NSW: Counseling, HIV/AIDS information, condoms and lube, needle exchange, working safely, legal and financial referrals, newsletter and printed resources. ☎ (02) 212-2600 FAX (02) 212-3978

THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION: See Seahorse of New South Wales.

THE GENDRE CENTRE: Projects Manager, 75 Morgan Street, P O Box 266, Petersham, NSW 2048, AUSTRALIA
Welfare organisation for people with gender issues. Provides medical, psychological gender and HIV/AIDS counseling, support, referrals. Resource development service. Drug and alcohol service. Residential service to support those moving towards independent living. Meetings every Thursday night, alternating every other week between training and skills on a range of topics and something more lighthearted and social.
☎ (02)569-2366 FAX (02) 569-1176

TV/SO - **SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND**: Seahorse Club, P O Box 574, Annerly, Queensland 4103, AUSTRALIA
Details of activities not yet available.

AUSTRALIAN TRANSGENDERISTS SUPPORT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND, Inc.: ATSAQ, P O Box 212, New Farm, Queensland 4005 AUSTRALIA
Provides support, counsel, referrals, hotline. Information on Social Security, Medicare, Motor transport, discrimination, health rights, police service, etc. Monthly meetings, newsletter. All information is confidential. ☎ (07) 846-3787 hotline, (07) 236-2400, FAX (07) 236-2398.

SELF HEALTH FOR QUEENSLAND WORKERS IN THE SEX INDUSTRY: SQWISI, 65 Vulture Street, P O Box 689, West End, Queensland 4101 AUSTRALIA
Provides a confidential service for trannys working in the sex industry in Queensland. ☎ (07) 844-4565, FAX (07) 844-8840.

TV/TS - **THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT**: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, AUSTRALIA
A self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting. Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will. ☎ 369-2613 ☞ *Nu-Scene*

TV/TS/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA**: SSV, G P O Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA 3001
Non-profit organization to assist members of the gender community. SOs are members with full voting rights. Monthly meetings the second Saturday. Helping professionals as guests. Screening for new members. Confidential membership list. Visitors welcome, but must have prior have accreditation from their home group. Will trade newsletters with other groups. Well stocked library. ☞ *Seahorse Victoria*

F-M TV/TS/SO - **BOYS WILL BE BOYS**: Box 328, Northcote, Victoria, 3070, AUSTRALIA
Provides social and support groups ☞monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **CARROUSEL CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Inc.**: P O Box 721, Cowandilla, South Australia, 5033, AUSTRALIA
Social support group. Various social events and functions in private homes and public venues. Must be interviewed by Board Member. Security is of utmost concern. I Bimonthly newsletter ☎ (08) 388-3644, Lana Allen; (08) 281-6190, Michelle.

TS - **WEST AUSTRALIAN TS SUPPORT UNITY PRIDE**:
No longer in operation. All future correspondence can he done through the Chameleon Society of Western Australia, below.

TV/TS - **CHAMELEON SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**:
Rosemary, P O Box 367, Victoria Park, Western Australia 6163, AUSTRALIA
Open support for TG and SOs 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month, 8:30-11:00.

TV/TS/TG - **GENDER COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**: P O Box 573, GOSNELLS, Western Australia 6110, AUSTRALIA
Founded by four people believing that those affected by gender dysphoria have the right to contribute to the community by sharing in the general standard of living and quality of life in the nation. Purpose is to establish social and legal equity for people and to provide support services. The group lobbies for TS rights. ☎ (09) 490 3820

NEW ZEALAND

TV - **HEDESTHIA:** Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND
Operations ceased or suspended.

TV/TS/SO - **NEW ZEALAND GENDER DYSPHORIA FOUNDATION**:
NZGDF, P O Box 2827, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND
Operations ceased or suspended.

TV/TS - **THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE/NEW ZEALAND**:
Transcare New Zealand, 106 Witako Street, EPUNI, LOWER HUTT Wellington, NEW ZEALAND (Miss Leone Neil)
Now in indefinite recess and no longer functioning.

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL OUTREACH PROJECT/TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION WELFARE AND HEALTH ORGANISATION**: TOPs/ TEWAHO, P O Box 11-412, Manners Street, Wellington NEW ZEALAND

TS advocacy and peer support group. HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, counselling. Free STD checks. Referrals. Require you send an introductory letter. *On TOPs*

SOUTH AFRICA

TV/TS - **THE PHOENIX SOCIETY HELPLINE**: Box 1332, Springs 1560, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Phoenix Society is a social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome. Actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts. New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential. *Fanfare*

TV/TS/SO - **SATRU**:c/o P O Box 87283 Houghton 2041, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA

Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

WEST AFRICA

TRANSFORMATION SECOND SELF: Jane Enuneku, KM 4 Idiroko Road, P O Box 1006, OTA, OGUN State, NIGERIA - WEST AFRICA

Charity. Monthly meetings the first week of each month. All applicants are screened by the Board as stipulated by the organizaton.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

CD FORUM: cd request@therev.losalamos.nm.us

Electronic mailing list digest. Support of TV, TS and other gender issues. Archive server for past digests. No membership fees. Your address will be confidential. Your material will be stripped of header and signature id unless you instruct otherwise. To subscribe, send short paragraph describing your interest in the list and where you heard of it. You will be asked to submit an introductory article within one month of your subscription.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND: Waltham, MA; (617) 899-3230. 300/1200/2400 Baud N81 4 nodes.

Education, support, information, and resources. Friendly board serving the needs of those in the gender community. Open to anyone.News and information, private and public chat and message areas. Four phone lines for group discussions in real time, user stories, gender related resources, areas for wives and family members, and an artificial intelligence, computer generated, Co-Sysop.

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

DIFFERENT REALITIES: (402) 345-8381 8N1. J

Just starting in Rochester, New York.

LUNATIC FRINGE BBS:Bayside, NY (718) 224-7977.

1200-14400 baud accepted. BBS for the gender community. 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. Free access / No ratios. Donations accepted.

SATIN & LACE: Rochester, NY. SYSOP Kimmy K. (716) 334-5663 1200/2400/9600/14400 (8N1)

Variety of file and message areas. FREE! To obtain free, Full Access account, logon using the name HI THERE and the password TVTS. Select <Q> from the Main Menu and fill out the account creation questionnaire. Full Access account within 48 hours.

GENDERLINE: BBS (Compuserve Information Service). Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission of system operator of the Human Sexuality (HSX) forums. For Compuserve subscription information, call 800-848-8990. Within Compuserve, access the HSX Support Groups\Adult Forum by typing GO HSX200 at any prompt. In HSX Help Files (Library 16) read the file CLOSED.TEXT — Closed Section

Agreement for instructions on joining GenderLine and the other restricted-access sections. Discreet support community for TG people of all kinds. Message board, conference area, data library, archived discussions, fiction.

GDANC: SYSOP Denee Efird, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002. (704) 639-1914, 1N4.

Running 24 hours, TV/TS files, message section, and more.

TRI-ESS BBS OF ATLANTA: Atlanta, GA. Two lines: (404) 922-2414, (404) 785-9216; 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 8 bit, NO parity, one stop bit.

Available to all involved or interested in TG community, including SOs. Conferences on CD, TS (AEGIS), adult fantasy, shopping, etc. Sign on with pseudonym and answer "TRIESS" at the password prompt for immediate access. Available to all free of charge.

THE DIVA CONNECTION: Chicago, IL: Free, open board. (313) 334-3957. 300-14000 baud. Sysop: Vanessa Justice

Computer bulletin board devoted exclusively to members of the gender community. Leave and receive messages, down load picture files and fiction, and upload your tasteful picture.

LIFETIME: Chicago, IL: (708) 438-1901. 300 thru 14.4K Baud 8N1.

Support, information, E-mail for the entire TV/TS/TG community. Free 24-hour board. Message/Conference sections, Gender-related File areas. Sysop Denise Peters. New users sign on and then leave message to Sysop for acces to private gender area. Full coverage of activities of Chicago Gender Society and Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess. Current happenings in Chicago, Southern Wisonsin, NE Indiana metro area. If you are a Tri-Ess or CGS member, give membership number for access to member bulletin area.

PUSS N BOOTS: P O Box 832556, Richardson TX 75083-2556 Board phone (214) 437-0688 node 1 (1200-28,800 baud) all nodes.

Support BBS for gender issues. 24-hours/day, seven days/week. Access free to gender community. Mention *Tapestry* in your log-on questionnaire and leave message. Let SYSOP know if you live full time. TGnet available with echoes New-Women, New-Men, Transition and more. Also latest AIDS/HIV information. SYSOP Aaron Davis.

FEMINET: (408) 648-8887 2400baud, or (408) 648-8734 14400 baud V32b, 8-N-1, Monterey Bay, CA

Most active BBS exclusively serving the gender community, central hub of TGNET, the international network for TG people. Over 1000 non-fiction files for TGs, 2000 gender fantasy stories, over 1000 TG GIFs, software for IBM, all TGNET echomail forums, selected FIDONET echomail forums, semi-private mail functions, netmail, special personal contact features. Library is kept up to date. Log-in to line 2: (408) 648-8887 with your name and personal password on the DIGICOMPUTRONICA section. Once logged in, read the announcement and general screens until reaching the first menu, and press P. When asked for a validation code, reply with KEY.

Financed with contributions. Line 2 basic access id free. $25 yearly for additional line 1 and full library access. $100 for maximum lifetime multiline access. Special arrangements available for international callers,or those with donations.

CAROLYN'S PLACE: (713) 579-3567 Sysop Carolyn Friday

Supporting all ways of life: TS, TV, Bi, Gay, Lesbian, Straight. Conferences, Files, Matchmaker, eMail. 24-hour operation. Free access.

CROSS-CONNECTION: Los Angeles, CA; (818) 841-TV/TS (2400 MNP), (818) 841-8920 (14.4k v.32bis)

Connecting the Gender Community 24 hours/day. News and information, chat, e-mail, personals, TV/adult library, free community public service and information areas. On-line shopping mall.

AEGIS: AIDS Education General Information System, America's leading HIV/AIDS information resource! Santa Ana, California (714) 248-2836. At the main AEGIS menu, use the B (no quotes) command. The command is not visible on the screen, but is active. NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex.

Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week. AEGIS is a global AIDS education response of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, a 501 (c)3 tax-exempt corporation. Access is free. Donations are invited to help continue the service. Please make checks or money orders payable to the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Indicate in the memo field, For AEGIS. Send to Sisters of St. Elizabeth, Attn: AEGIS, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184. Voice (714) 248-5843 FAX (714) 248-2839.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 732-1323, 1200-14400 baud 8N1.

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SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave., Minneapolis MN 55426-1843
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TRANSSISTERS, The Journal of Transsexual Feminism: c/o Davina Anne Gabriel, 4004 Troost Ave., Kansas City MO 64110
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BOY'S OWN: BM Network, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.
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INTERNATIONAL TV REPARTEE: Rose's, Roundel Street, Sheffield S9 3LE ENGLAND.
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LES CHEMINS DE TRANS: c/o Belgische Gender Stichting, Pluimstraat 48, 85000 KORTRIJK - B, BELGIUM
Bi-monthly newsletter about gender issues by community and helping professionals.

TRANSFORMATIE: PO Box 13500, 2501 EM, The Hague, Netherlands.
Info and discussion magazine on TV and TS.

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On Changing One's Gender

by Linda Philips

I look in the mirror, looking in vain for the face that once was. The face I shaved thousands of times. The face I had played my game of "make a girl" on when I was young. Those first furtive tries with lipstick and powder. (I never could get it right, did one put the rouge on first or the powder? Did the rouge go on above or below the cheekbones?) Now I see only a woman's face. Am I pleased? Will I miss (ever) the man's face that I knew so well? I know my wife sometimes misses it. She told me the other day, "Don't give anyone pictures of Jim, I have so few." I could never miss the shaving, ever. I never understood my friends' pride in their budding beards when we were boys. (When I WAS a boy, was I indeed? Was I ever that male who went through puberty with anger because my earnest prayer that I would grow breasts went unheeded?)

"Does the mind change, or is this ***freedom*** *of thought never allowed before?"*

I look at my body in the mirror. The only part of me now which proclaims my anatomical sex seems strangely incongruent, a lone reminder of what I once was. I never took the pride in my male sex that many men do. I do take a great deal of pride in my breasts. They are my own flesh, not inserts or silicon injections. They exemplify my feeling of completeness. I think of the pride I had in my strength, and of the agony I felt when I over-tested that strength. My body, that strong male body, is now soft and feminine. Where once I had no problem in doing a hundred or so push ups, the only push ups I now find interest in are a certain type of bra! Physical strength has lost its appeal to me. I have lesbian friends who "work out" hoping to attain the sort of strength most males have. I tell them not to work so hard at this. "After all," I tell them, "women have power of so many things over men, physical strength is only a minor element."

Bulverde, Texas's favorite sweetheart, the eternal Linda Phillips.

How does it feel to change my once masculine body into a feminine one? Now I feel vulnerable. I am careful about where I go and when I go. I know I am no match for most men in a physical contest, so I take a tip from one of my girl friends and carry a gun in my purse. Is this smart? I'm not sure. All I know is that once I was never afraid of anything, and now I have a small measure of fear, or is it caution, constantly at the very back of my mind.

A girlfriend advises me, "Never make direct eye contact with men. You are asking for trouble." Women are full of advice. They help me to be the person I have wanted to be all my life. They are seldom shocked if I have to tell them of my real sex. "You certainly don't look like a guy." Do they feel like two of my gay male friends who said to me, "What a waste! You were such a good looking guy!" (Who knew? The fact was, I never liked that "good looking guy." I never thought of him as good looking, for that matter.)

Strangely, I still attract women. Is it because of the novelty? Is there still something of the masculine about me? My feelings towards women have

Jim, a charming fellow who would just as soon break your nose as say hello.

intensified. If I were not the most happily married of women, I would probably be in trouble with my feelings toward certain women. As it is, I want them all to be my friend, and an amazing number of them are. My wife, clever woman that she is, warns me to be careful with my friendships. "Women can be nasty bitches," she warns. I know, and I *am* cautious. Still, I never met a woman I didn't like (with apologies to Will Rogers).

The effects of hormones, electrolysis, and cosmetics have changed me, changed me far beyond ever being able to be "one of the guys" again. How do I feel about all this? I am not sure. Would I go "back"? No. Would any woman choose to be other than a woman? Ah, I hear you say, "She isn't a 'real' woman." I am as surely as other women are women. The truth comes from a constant learning curve. My wife has not only allowed me to be the woman I was inside, more importantly, she has taught me HOW to be that woman. "A woman trapped in a man's body"? Perhaps, so I change the body to accommodate the mind by as many non-surgical means as possible. I don't want to go through reassignment surgery. I have friends who received nothing but misery by going through "the operation." My whole life has been a study in differences, why change now? Having male genitalia is not a problem to me. I find it makes me a singular person. I was born with them and plan to die with them. I also learned the operation is merely cosmetic. One of the things my wife told me when we were first married was that I could never physically be a woman, but I could certainly be one in every other way!

You either are or you aren't. Try living in the other gender for a year or so. What's that you say? You can't imagine? Neither could I. Then one day I realized the gender I had been masquerading in for fifty-some-odd years simply wouldn't do any more. I slipped into the female role as easily as one would put on a pair of well-worn slippers. It had always been difficult to be male. Every morning I would take a deep breath, buckle on my "guy" armor in order to "do battle" against the fire-breathing world and the rest of the "guys." Oh, I was successful, if you count success (as guys do) in terms of dollars. I had two favorite colors in my male life: green and silver!

Does the mind change? Or is this freedom of thought never allowed before? Is it the hormones that do this? (Is it the real turtle soup or merely the mock?) Do we use the excuse in our male-dominated world that "the hormones make me think this way." Or is it our real thought process bubbling to the surface? Does this mean we never really were Bill or Charlie or Joe (or Jim)? or a pasted up version of what a male is supposed to be, a cardboard cutout to please (parents, friends, wife, children, neighbors) society?

Happily, or unhappily, depending on your feelings, changing gender has nothing to do with sex, clothing, the length of your hair or the pitch of your voice. It has to do with your view of the world which affects the world's view of you. People with the male attitude of "rape, pillage, burn" (let's get it straight this time!) would do well to work on an attitude change before applying to have "F" placed on their driver's license.

Still, if someone gave me the opportunity to be "him" or "her," I would have to be "her." I love being a woman in spite of all the unexpected and unwelcome treatment I am subject to as a member of my favorite gender. I can think of no other way to live, whatever is left of this interesting life of mine! The acceptance by my female friends makes up to a great degree the inconvenience of second-class status, which is part of the pact I make with society. The second-class citizen thing is something I would love to help my sisters change!

However, there was a time when I told my wife I would rather be a little old man than a little old woman. She agreed, adding that there were certainly enough of the latter and hardly enough of the former. Ah! that was when I thought I had a choice: him or her. That was in the days when I was a crossdresser, not really understanding there was a much deeper meaning to what I did. Now I understand there was no choice; the decision was not mine to make. As with most of my people, the die was cast before I entered this world.

Cynthia & Linda Phillips

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ARLENE SUSAN L.
(E MA-P-M1648-K0121-73)
Member of TCNE. MWM hetero TV, 52, 5'10", 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman, going out and developing the ability to pass in public and blend in to the feminine world. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in TV friendships who are sincere and have the same interests."

KATHY MASTERS
(MA-P-M2038-K2439-74)
Fun-loving CD, 40ish, medical professional. Non-judgmental, open to other lifestyles/sexualities. Well balanced between masculine and feminine, likes to help people, has good shoulders to cry on. Dresses fully in corsets, maid's costumes, and has full wardrobe from bridal to secretary outfits. Seek communication with CD/TSs and women.

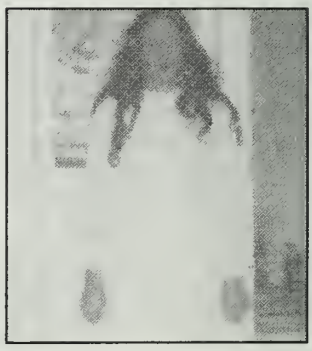
DIANA S. DWYER
(MA-P-M2146-K2539-74)
"I am placing this ad because I need positive, honest support. I am not interested in sexually obsessive individuals. I am 27, a light drinker, and a non-smoker. I'm involved in psychotherapy for my transsexual feelings as well as my abusive childhood. If interested, please write."

DEBBIE SAWYER
(MA-P-M2170-K2590-73)
"Crossdresser, single, seeking the spiritual and expressive feminine side. Would love to meet understanding and supportive women. Support political action for human and civil rights for the transgender community."

MARIE ALLEN
(E MA-M2729-K4412-75)
5'9", slim. Interested in feminine things, see below. "After makeup, and before a wall length mirror, I sometimes dress from the skin out in my own personally designed pure silk lingerie, and then don a filmy silk dress. Seeing myself become an extremely happy silk-clad woman enables me to attain an incredible sense of peace and joy."

KAY LEE
(MA-M2787-K4481-75)
MWM, late 40's, dressed all my life. "Wife knows. Tolerated, but not in her presence. Hobbies are sailing, camping, hiking. Physically fit, 6', size 20. Love heels, earrings and everything in between. Why are women the only ones who can wear skirts?"

LAUREN & GENITA M.
(MA-M3000-K5187-76)
A couple who volunteer at IFGE. Lauren wears size 12, Genita size 4. "We don't share dresses. We share a great selection of accessories and many happy times being unafraid of ourselves. Write to anyone who may need support/help being in love with a transgendered person."



DENISE S.
(MA-P-M3049-K5807-78)
Member TCNE. CD, 42, 5'8", 140. Shy, gentle, loves nature, gardening, walking, tennis. Moving to NH shortly. "Coming out step by step. I invite you to join me to share support and friendship. Is the understanding and acceptance of this duality a spiritual path?"

ANONYMOUS M.
(MA-M3277-K6457-75)
SM, 33 seeks transsexual for relationship, marriage. "Will provide everything needed for someone committed to one-to-one relationship."

DEBORAH & CLAIRE F.
(MA-M3291-K6542-75)
Happily married cross-dresser (surgeon) and wife (therapist) would love to visit other couples out of New England for socializing and traveling where less discretion is necessary. Second marriage, 6 kids (hers & hers), mid-40s, adventuresome, joyful, playful, loving, fun!

CAROLYN K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-75)
TCNE, AXA, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, narcissist, transcendentalist; and cheerful feminine essence in a comfortable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, home-making, dressing and engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, and secure social interaction. "Single and date. Await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender."

CHRISTEENA G.
(MA-M5018-K3971-73)
"Well, this is my last ad for this year. I'd like to thank the ladies who wrote to me, but I'm still hoping to find that big sister that would be willing to help me along with my transformation. I'm not going to give up. I'm still looking for support and long-term friendship."

JESSICA CHRISTY COLLINS
(MA-P-M4977-K6982-76)
"Late 30s. Dressing actively for six years, although this has been a lifelong pursuit. Enjoy regular nights out in New York, Los Angeles and elsewhere. Looking to invest more productive days out in support of our community. Interested in everything."

RACHEL B.
(MA-M5454-K10563-75)
SWM, CD, 28. "Cross-dressing since childhood. Dressing more now than ever before and enjoying it. This is my first ad. Looking for other CDs, TVs, for advice and/or support. Still in the closet, enjoy dressing in everything feminine. I'll try to answer all. No photo yet.

MICHAEL M.
(MA-M5322-K11818-75)
SWM, 37, 5'10", blonde hair, blue eyes. "Consider myself straight. Active, like to ski, hike, enjoy dining out and movies. Caring, understanding, seeking pre- or post-op TS for potential relationship."

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029-)

MARYBETH COOPER
(RI-M3744-K8198-73)
SWM CD, 36, closeted. Would like to hear from those who have stepped out; coming out stories. Also interested in hearing from understanding females.

•ANDREA K.
(RI-?-M1771-K1934-75)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in Sci-Fi, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and becoming a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038-)

•A. M. GREENE
(NH-?-M0731-K0277-99)
"Post-op,new-woman. Interests are computers, reading, music, gendered people, belly-dancing and all things feminine. Editor of the *TV-TS Confidential Magazine*. We need cover girls."

PAULA ANN NOVAL
(NH-M4510-K9740-73)
"Am interested in communicating with and meeting others in NE area who are exploring additional ways of dressing for pleasure along with crossdressing, such as exotic apparel (leather, latex, PVC, etc.) amateur theatricals, impersonation, etc., in a social context."

NOREEN D.
(NH-M5196-K10498-74)
MWM, 5'7", 140, 40+. "Need friends to talk or correspond with. Wife knows but doesn't approve. Would like to write or meet TV/TSs to further femme image."

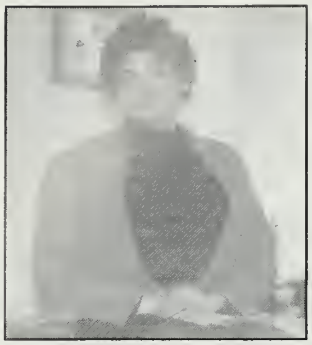
•SAMANTHA KELLY
(NH-?-M5321-K11816-74)
"Educated, professional, SW, 34, heterosexual, varied interests to include my feminine persona. Seeking attractive biological females or transsexuals (or those on the way) who would like to share their feelings, experiences, and insight. Willing to trade pictures and possibly meet. New to this lifestyle and looking for friends."

KELLY JEAN DOMOUNT
(NH-M4423-K9669-73)
WM 5'10", holding at 39. Medium build, brown eyes and hair. "In love with dressing and being who I was born to be. Interested in gardening, fishing, shopping, and TV literature. Passable 'NOT.' Need a tuck here and there. Will correspond with TV/TSs, men and women who find our community interesting."

JAMIE L.
(NH-M5405-K2096-75)
"Mid-40s, married male. Wife is supportive and understanding of TV fascination and desires. Interested in meeting other TVs to socialize and meet. Travel throughout New England and am available depending on schedule."

MAINE (038- 047-)

JEAN CHURCHILL
(ME-P-M3729-K0164-73)
Member Tri-Ess, Trans-support. Divorced TG, 41, 5'8", 127, 12, dressing since age 3, out since Oct. 1992. Vegetarian, don't smoke/drink/drug, spiritually inclined, on Speakers' Bureau. Interested in transcendental meditation, theatre, creative writing, nature day-trips, fine arts, interior design, solar technologies, being feminine, making friends, socializing, corresponding.



CYNTHIA T.
(ME-P-M5121-K11173-73)
35, 5'7", MWM, bi-curious, homemaker, children. Wife accepts, but neither understands nor supports. Ready to embrace my natural tendencies, request help to realize potential. "Interested in cooking, wine, photography, music, cars, movies, most fetishes, creative role playing. Would love to host TV/TS, women, build friendships, learn the art of passing."

JOANNE MARIE M.
(ME-M5350-K4348-75)
"Whatever I am, TV, TS, TG, TGIF, it's been lifelong. My increased makeup skills and high cheekbones might make me passable were I not terrified. Almost no one has ever shared my real self. I need to reach out to some of you wonderful girls and women. Please write."

VERMONT (050- 059-)

JOAN MARIE L.
(VT-M0528-K0340-79)
SWM, hetero CD, 40, 6', full-figured. "Love to shop for music. Like cooking, Sci-Fi fantasy, and travel. Real passion for lingerie, especially bras, panties, teddies, slips, girdles, hosiery and heels. Wish to correspond with CD/TVs."

HELENE H.
(VT-P-M2021-K2488-77)
Member Sunshine Club. "Like to hear from other ladies, especially those in the northeast who want out of the closet, help, or advice. There are more of us in this neck of the woods than you think. Come out wherever you are."

CLARISSA MICHAELS
(VT-M4760-K10702-74)
Hetero MWM. Late 40s. "Wife is devoted and very supportive. Silver anniversary in '96. No children. Dressing since early teens. Out of closet since 1992. Not very passable, but enjoy being dressed. Looking for pen pals to share experiences. Will answer all. Please write!"

FRANCES S.
(VT-NP-M5432-K7528-75)
MWM, 35,5'11", scorpio, brown-eyed, brunette. "Friendly, educated, good writer seeking letter and photo exchange with similar volumtuous sisters. I love to shop especially for lingerie and shoes. Enjoy total makeovers and ready to take strides in heels, hose, and womany disguise. What's your favorite fashion look?"

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER
(CT-P-M0212-K0374-76)
SWM, hetero, 5'10", quiet, understanding, lives alone. Enjoys dressing as a female, meeting TVs and especially females for girl talk, etc., and country music. "Would like to meet a couple who enjoy going in public with me. Others say that I pass very well. Would appreciate photo with first letter—which I will return."

ANDREA G.
(CT-M0425-K0357-75)
Married, 52, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Like to develop friendships in the crossdressing community, and welcome correspondence."

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-P-M1490-K0368-78)
Member Tiffany Club, Connecticut Outreach Society. SWM, hetero, TV, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, early 50s. "Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, feminine crossdressers for correspondence or possible get-togethers."

RACHEL F. BOYCE
(CT-M1903-K2205-75)
Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Will answer all."

RON THOMPSON
(CT-M2477-K3501-78)
"Compassionate, empathetic gentleman who thrills to the beauty of a sensual feminine TV. I am a handsome, muscular and a successful professional. I would love to share good wine and food with a beautiful TV who is happy, intelligent, likes music and dancing. Love, Roni."

RAMONA G.
(S CT-P-M1948-K2274-74)
60s, 5'11", 180. Attended Fantasia Fair seven years, Tiffany Club First Event 6 years. Member COS. Miss Provincetown, 1991. Supportive wife and daughters that know Ramona. "Love going to outings and letting the Lady inside of me out. Things that make me strongest as a male are the results of Crossdressing and being RAMONA."

ANDREA STEVENS
(CT-P-M3214-K6216-74)
Member COS. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, late-40's. Happily married. Wife aware, tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. "Been dressing fully since early 20s, just beginning to experience the best this life has to offer. Looking forward to helping others and attending some outings in the near future."

JAN DIANA N.
(CT-M3908-K4840-76)
MWM, hetero, 57, 6'1", 200, blue eyes, TV/TS. "Wife has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which pains me. Crossdressed since age five with mother's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed as the person I want to be. Will answer all. Photo welcome."

STACI H.
(CT-NP-M4520-K4199-73)
Connecticut Outreach Society, married 44. "Girl at heart who is very friendly and fun-loving. Loves to talk about clothes and fashions with girlfriends and boys who want to be girls. Would love to girl-talk with you, too."

BILLIE K.
(CT-P-M4673-K10349-74)
Member COS. 50s, 5'10", 155. Interested in golf, auto racing. "I'm easy going, like to meet other sisters. Like the feel of nylons and sexy lingerie. Have been out some. Travel limited. Looking for help with finishing touches of my makeup. Write with your tips and pleasures. Will answer all."

STEPHANIE PACKER
(CT-P-M5313-K11789-75)
Single TV/TS. "Dressing since early childhood. Would like to meet others in eastern CT or RI to get together and talk or whatever else."

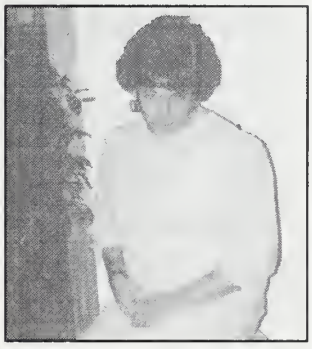
LISA ANN
(CT-M5091-K8156-73)
"I am a 29-year-old CD from NE Conn. who would like to meet others for friendship, support, and to explore my feminine side. Live, live, LIVE!"

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

JOANNA G.
(NJ-M520-K445-76)
Pre-op TS, Mature, young 70, good health, intellectual, rounded gender education. "I desire a meaningful relationship with a mature, considerate, discrete, financially responsible, Hetro male cognizant of real life values and perspective of his child within. Enjoy outside activities, theatre, music, reading and research. Desire correspondence with pre- and post-op with surgical experience. Photos welcomed and exchanged. Confidentiality assured."

JULIE C.
(NJ-M1460-K0452-73)
MWM, 5'10", 30's, brown hair and eyes, thin. "Love dressing pretty, especially in high heels. Enjoy music and meeting others like me. I also enjoy travel, especially P'town. Would love to go out more, all I need is a little encouragement. My wife helps as much as she can, but a friend would help a lot more."

KIM JOHNSON
(NJ-M3037-K5279-73)
"Kim's new joy is a Sony H18 video camera, a large screen TV, and a Cindy Lauper CD. Then she dresses up and really struts her stuff."



PAMELA G.
(NJ-P-M3070-K5682-73)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 22T. "Hope to go public in'95. Besides dressing, I enjoy large scale RC planes and G gauge model railroading. I appreciate correspondence with LADIES, especially those in North Jersey."

BABS C.
(NJ-P-M3219-K6211-77)
Member MOTG, Renaissance, Eulenspiegel Society. "Married with supportive and loving wife. Enjoy fine art, music, standardbred horses and tennis. Travel to Poconos, P'town, NYC and New Hope en femme. Started electrolysis. Gaining confidence in femme role. Enjoy meeting other TV/TSs couples for dinner, clubs, shopping and serious talk."

JANE T.
(S. NJ-M3487-K7209-74)
MWM, hetero, 6', 196, 50, athletic build, understanding wife. Interested in crossdressing, corsets, B & D, heels and especially RUBBER. "Have a full beard and prefer not to leave the closet for obvious reasons. Enjoy corresponding and will respond to all!"

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-74)
Member Renaissance.

MWM, TV, 40s, 5'11", 175. "Married TV with supportive wife. Attend monthly meetings of Renaissance. Attended TCNE First Event '93, '94. Attractive and feminine when dressed. Wish to meet other TVs for friendship and socializing. Open minded. Can travel. Photo appreciated. Plan to attend a number of weekend events each year."

•ELAINE MONROE
(NJ-?-M3637-K7810-76)

"Love feminine role. Co-Director of MOTG, member Renaissance, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All, Southern Comfort, Fantasia Fair, Paradise in the Poconos. Speaker for TG community. Goal to help others out of their closets, and to help the transgendered legally and socially. Want to network with those with similar goals."

JIOVANNA ALEXIS TOWERS
(NJ-P-M3678-K7998-74)

Member MGN. Attended Moonlight in Manhattan '93, '94, '95. Fun-loving, pre-op TS, 5'7", 29, 135. On hormones since 7/92. "Seeking serious long-term relationship with single easy-going men or bi-TV who is financially and emotionally secure, to help me with transition and attain SRS. Reply with photo and SASE. No fantasy seekers. Smokers okay."

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-NP-M3777-K8249-81)

Member of Renaissance. Attended many events. 5'9", 155 lb., very smooth, SWM TV, live alone, mature professional. "Only hobby is being as feminine. Love to entertain and share girl-to-girl things. Also love going out to have fun. I correspond lots and answer all sooner or later. Pictures help."

MARILYN MASTERSON
(NJ-P-M3949-K8508-73)

MWM, 5'11", 35, black hair, brown eyes, educated, shy, full-figured. Interested in art, music, dreaming, computers, walks in the woods, correspondence, sexy things. "Love everything feminine and sexy from short skirts and heels to lingerie and teddies. I love making new friends and would love to hear from all. Hugs!"

PATRICIA L.
(NJ-NP-M3897-K6468-76)

24, 6'2", 160, single TS. "MS Molecular Evolutionary Genetics. I enjoy the outdoors, science, reading and music. I am taking time out to transition."

CAROL ANN LEE
(NJ-NP-M4245-K9528-76)

Member IFGE (Supp.), Tri-Ess, Sigma Nu Rho (Pres.), LIFE, CDI, *News Briefs* Editor. Attended 1994 Holiday En Femme. Married, hetero, 51, 5'8", 160, supportive wife and three daughters. "Love going to concerts, dinner and, of course, shopping. Will exchange letters and photos with any sister although ever-increasing community responsibilities have slowed replies."

MICHELLE J.
(NJ-M4172-K9093-75)

MWM with TS tendencies. 6', 185 and losing. Interested in computers, golf. "Wish to meet other TS/TV for help and understanding as wife doesn't participate. Love to dress in short skirts, heels and everything feminine. Thanks for helping me out of closet."

DENISE B.
(NJ-P-M4471-K8267-73)

MWM hetero CD, 36+, 5'7". Member Chi Delta Mu, Tri-Ess. Attended Midnight in Manhattan '94 and will be at Holiday En Femme in NYC. Wife tolerant but not supportive. "Have been dressing since childhood. Looking for friendship, someone to talk to and help develop the feminine side. Enjoy going out en femme."

SUSAN LYNETTE
(NJ-P-M4700-K10391-74)

MWM, 49, member of Tri-Ess. "Wife supportive. Travel to Virgin Islands several times a year. Enjoy going out to restaurants and clubs with other sisters and couples in NYC and NJ. Making a Dining Out Guide for the Tri-State Area. Enjoy SCUBA, fishing and shopping."

ALISON CHRISTINE K.
(CT-M4950-K2837-75)

Attractive TS, 5'10", 12, red hair, blue eyes, computer professional. Interested in collecting music recordings; romantic, elegant dressing in satin and lace; heels and hose. In search of TV/TS/GG meet-

ing for girl talk, maybe more. Can travel. Plan to attend Pocono events.

KATHLEEN M.
(NJ-NP-M4719-K10436-78)
Member TV/TS Northern NJ. "Just recently came out and loving every minute of it. 36, 5'6", 140. Active in photography and music. Would be willing to help my sisters with photos. Love being a girl and look forward to meeting other girls like me. Looking forward to hearing from you."

FRANCIS F.
(NJ-M5110-K1263-73)
MWM, hetero. "Love dressing stylishly. Black nightgowns and sexy lingerie were made for me. Feel the same? Good, let's chat. Love corresponding. All letters answered."

JOYCE M.
(NJ-M5179-K9777-73)
MWM, hetero CD, 46, 5'10", 170. "Newly out but not public. *Tapestry* brought me to my first Tri-Ess meeting. Interests include chess, classical music, jazz, archery and existential philosophy. Supportive loving wife. 'Life is too short not to be experienced/expressed fully.'"

SISSY L.
(NJ-M5268-K11129-74)
DWM, TV, 46, submissive, hetero, in closet. "Love stockings, garter belts and heels, intimate apparel. Seek correspondence with understanding genetic S/DWF only, age 40+. Would like to dress privately with right female. Fantasy: to wear maid's uniform, stockings, heels while performing domestic duties."

NEW YORK (090- 149-)

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-74)
Member Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. "Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence."

CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-75)
Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly."

DELORES M.
(SE NY-P-M0808-K0555-76)
Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "I love the fun part of the scene, derive a lot of pleasure from it."

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-75)
Divorced, 46, hetero, attorney. Has been crossdressing entire life, and out since 1982. Besides crossdressing, enjoys writing, singing, song writing, and plays bass guitar. Enjoys skiing, long walks. Only dates women who accept Vickie. Former editor, *Lifelines*, former member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Does reply to correspondence sooner or later, usually later.

BONNIE HOWARD
(NY-M1186-K0655-79)
Size 10, TG businesswoman. "Single, well adjusted woman who carries herself with pride and confidence. Silks and suits or shirts and sweats. Welcome to my world."

VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-78)
"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria and I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine and I am very proud. Class and dignity are my life and tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . of mind . . of spirit . . "

FRANCINE C.
(NY-M1584-K0631-74)
SWM, 5'10", 190. Interested in outdoors, reading and fishing. Girl friend supportive. "Love the total feminine look to be a passable lady. Interested in corresponding with all, especially in south central NY and northeastern PA."

KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-76)
Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. 6', brown hair, post-op TS, col-

lege student. "Love music, humor, Broadway, poetry, writing & corresponding, talking and being a woman."

JOANNE S.
(NY-P-M2375-K3117-74)
"Fifty-something living in upper Westchester County. Dressing forever, and so far have one foot out of the closet, but would love to get at least an entire leg out. Wife non-supportive, but I get by. I'd like to meet compatible sisters in the area, but will answer all."

JUDY H.
(NY-M1920-K2200-78)
Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."

JENNIFER B.
(LI NY-P-M2441-K3429-75)
MWM with supportive wife, member Eulenspiegel Society. "Seek meetings and correspondence with TV/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and fantasies. Interested in psychology, metaphysics and fashions. Would love to hear from you."

JULIE ANN C.
(N NY-M1695-K0610-78)
Member TGIC, Albany, NY. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88-'93. Hetero CD, 55, 5'9", 183. Interested in family, hiking, camping, SF. An over-all outdoors country girl.

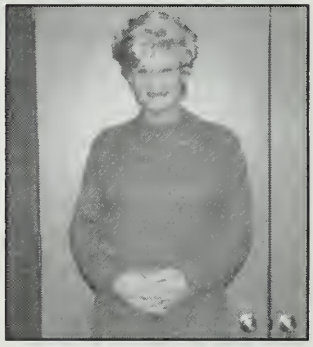
STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY-M2732-K4399-79)
Member of Tri-Ess.

STEPHANIE LYNN
(N NY-M1744-K1907-75)
DWM, 43, 180, TV. Strong TS feelings. "Love to dress in the more conservative styles. Love the feeling of being a girl. Enjoy computing, playing the keyboard and listening to music. Like to start going out more in the Southern NY and Hudson Valley area."

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-74)
SWM, hetero CD. "Enjoy the prissy girly feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, and party dresses. Still looking for one understanding gender woman in my life."

NANCY ANN HOWES
(W NY-NP-M2851-K4777-76)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM with supportive wife. "Lifelong CD Femme likes: lacy slips, makeup and perfume. Other likes: Hollywood, music and sports. Will do my best to respond to letters. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's talk girl talk."

CAROLE HAYES
(NY-P-M3292-K6543-75)
MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155. Interested in music. "Now retired. Wife supportive. We are looking forward to attending our first event together."



KATHY LORRAINE
(NY-P-M2974-K5110-74)
Lifelong CD. "I can't pass, but to blend in is a realistic goal. 46, 5'13", 180, single, lady businesswoman. Member Tri-Ess, editor *Buffalo Belles*, Nu Phi Chi newsletter. Glad to help newcomers in any way. No sex letters. Thank you, Kathy."

FRAN B.
(NY-M2781-K4612-74)
SWM TV, 5'9", 154. Former female impersonator, chorus girl. "Would like to make friends with TS, including F2M. I love romantic dinners and good conversation. I like to dress in a business woman's outfit, dress suit. Please only reply if you are a discreet individual."

BRENDA VEE
(LINY-NP-M3089-K5695-74)
Member: LIFE/Board of Directors. Outreach Director, Fantasia Fair '93,'94,'95. SWTG, 45. "Very sensitive to the gender community and feels a bond to us all. Striving for personal self-expression. Supportive SO. I enjoy cooking and dining, fashion and make-up, pen pals and sincere, open-minded people. I love to help new people."

EMILY C.
(NY-P-M2966-K5109-76)
MWM, hetero, supportive wife. Enjoys family, cooking, crafts, full expression. "Love to correspond and exchange ideas and experiences. Have grown considerably thanks to my sisters in the community. Photo exchange encouraged. Let's help each other grow."

ROSE WRIGHT
(NY-M3837-K6827-80)
SWM, 30, just beginning to

explore lifelong gender identity feelings. "Would like to correspond with TS or persons with TS feelings who can relate. Especially on Long Island. Only sincere, non-sexual letters, please."

JANICE G.
(NY-P-M3316-K6587-75)
Member Rochester CD Network, Erie Sisters, Xpressions, Buffalo Belles. Buffalo area, 42, 5'6", "Enjoy getting together with friends, or going out alone. Started coming out late '91, hormone therapy '94, full time early '95, SRS? Other interests: *Star Trek*, Sci-Fi and fantasy, astronomy, hiking, American history, music."

JOANN S.
(NY-P-M3455-K7096-79)
"Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. Would like to hear from people who live on the eastern end of Long Island."

JODIE H.
(NY-P-M3700-K8044-73)
"So much for blending in! Married, having a great time together. Like to meet others who are out and about. Would like to do a cruise. Any ideas? Do NYC, Phila., Poconos regularly. Remember, be true to yourself. Closets are for clothes. Have a great day!"

KATRINA E. RYAN
(NY-M3817-K6258-73)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 5'10", 240, BA degree. "I enjoy photography, model RR, cooking and corresponding. A wonderful world of beautiful people and experiences have helped me greatly to discover much about myself and happiness. I hope to continue my personal journey and growth with the help of others, meeting, sharing and having fun."

ERICA H.
(NY-P-M3937-K8489-74)
"Managing Director, Co-Founder NY GIRL & PARTNERS Educational Support Group geared toward accomplished CDs, SOs, gendered individuals. Numerous public outings, NY museums, theatres, World Class Shopper. Published Erica's Recommended Book and Movie Reviews for CDs. Member Renaissance, COS. Past President LIFE."

DANIELLE IANELLI
(NY-P-M4085-K7847-74)
"Am considered shy, but have many good qualities. 32. Strong TS tendencies, enjoy my feminine side. Dress up as often as possible. CD since age 4. Love to travel, take in a ball game, read a good novel and strive for total feminization. Want to make friendships within the TV/TS community."

TAMMIE ANDERSON
(NY-P-M4141-K8935-79)
Member Tri-Ess, Chi Delta Mu "Love to dress and have been going out in public the last two years. Would like to correspond and meet with other TVs in area north of NYC. I am a NYC computer and math teacher."

CATHERINE L.
(NY-M4359-K3186-74)
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. MWM, 6'2", 42, hetero CD. "I have been dressing since teens. Came out five years ago. Don't pass too well, but I do go shopping dressed. Would love company or talk on all things feminine. Wife knows but is not supportive."

ALEXIS B. YOUNG
(NY-P-M4466-K9156-73)
5'10", 140, brown hair, hazel eyes, 40s, TS, single with feminine figure. Interested in nightlife, bicycling, music, movies, and electronics. "Would like to correspond and meet with other TSs for friendship, in areas of NYC or LI. Also seeking to date tall men for ltr. Will answer all with photo."

JANET E.
(NY-NP-M5164-K11395-73)
SWM, 46, 5'7", CD living in lower Westchester County. "Looking to meet TVs, would like to meet older gentlemen who know how to treat a lady."

SUSAN PARKER
(NY-P-M4706-K10407-74)
MWM, bi, 40s, 5'8", 150. "Secretary for Expression Our Nature (EON) in Syracuse. Have attended River-

side Gala. Love the theatre, dressing classy, shopping, dining out, partying and dancing. Interested in exercise, computers, and AoL. Would enjoy corresponding with others on a variety of interests. Discretion guaranteed."

DIANNE KARRON-SCHWARTZ
(NY-P-M4720-K10443-78)
Tall (6'), bright (PhD), medical school/university professor, pretty 38-year-old pre-op TS or possibly TG girl seeks friends to go out on the town,visit when on the road. Regular IRC addict. Transgen C-D Forum. Likes dance, aerobics, makeup, opera.

ANGEL L.
(NY-M5222-K4611-85)
SWF, 29, 5', smart, cute, artsy, caring, no smoking, drinking, drugs, gambling, non-promiscuous, non-gamble, moralistic, romantic, spiritual, understanding, honest, marriage/relationship-minded, monogomous. Seeks hetero SWM CD, even-tempered, non-abusive, 29-34, 5'-5'6"(passable OK), no physical/mental handicap, diseases. Loves comedy, theater, fun, dining, fifties, culture, music."

L.K.
(NY-M5036-K4726-76)
"Straight, professional, white gentleman in Rochester, 38, TV/TS-friendly, seeks friends and one special lady for romance. Disappointed with the genetic females I've loved. Seeking very feminine TS who wants to be pampered. I'll be very supportive. Especially like to hear from Biber Babies. Distance no deterrent!"

FRAN ESTES
(NY-P-M4870-K9111-75)
Member Lambda Chi Lambda, Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '93, '94, Holiday En Femme '92, '93, '94. Married to accepting wife. "In closet since child until six years ago. Came exploding out. Dedicated to helping others, educating public. I dress as a dignified, mid-aged lady. Write, exchange photos."

MICHELLE BLOCH
(NY-P-M4921-K10432-76
"Member/Board of Directors LIFE. 47, 5'9", 150, recently separated TG. Graphic designer, artist, assistant editor *LIFElines*. Interested in music, photography, tennis, shopping and dining out. Correspondence welcome."

CARRIE K.
(NY-M4920-K9883-75)
Member MGN. mid-30s, professional, tall, thin, MTF pre-op TS. "Just beginning my transition. On occasion I've been a creator, sometimes an instigator, but now I find that I am an explorer. I'm interested in finding friends who share these feelings and perhaps understand where we might be going."

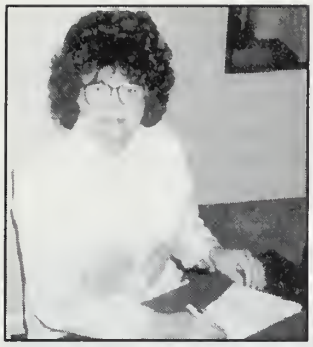
JULIE MORAN
(NY-NP-M4946-K0588-75)
SW Bi-TV, 5'8", 34. "Love being a woman: clothes, fashion, shopping, socializing. Pass fairly well, if I can stay thin! Looking for help handling relationships, career, charting a course! Would love to correspond with sisters (letter or E-mail) or tall, handsome, sensitive men."

DANIELLE AZCET
(NY-P-M5012-K5795-73)
"Single, never married, shy, conservative, forty-year-old pre-op TS (non-smoker, non-drinker) desires to meet others for fun, friendship, and synergy in our femininity. I care. Be happy, don't worry. If I could, I'd be a mommy. *Seriously, I hope the future astounds us all!"

ANGEL L.
(NY-M5222-K4611-85)
"SWF, 29, cute, smart, funny, artsy non-smoking/drug/drink/promiscuous/gamble. Moralistic, romantic, spiritual, honest, understanding, marriage/friendship-minded. Monogamous, caring. Seeks same. CD, hetero, even-tempered, 29-34, 5'-5'6", non-abusive, clean cut. Loves comedy, theater, music, dining, fun, culture, etc."

SONYA HARDENG
(NY-P-M5026-K8993-74)
MW TV, W-NY/Erie, 5'11", 190, supportive wife, sometimes passable. "Enjoy going out shopping, long walks, drag bars with shows. I am shy but friendly, submissive as a woman, total look and feel. Looking for that special woman. Will answer all photo/phone. I look better than the picture."

CATHY ANNE NICHOLSON
(NY-P-M5102-K10577-73)
47, CD. "Married with very supportive and involved wife. We are down-to-earth with a good sense of humor. Tri-Ess members. We are interested in corresponding and possible meeting other CD couples."



CHRISSY S.
(NY-P-M5195-K11530-74)
SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 45, engineer. "Enjoy travel, theater, electronics, fashion and shopping. Outgoing with great sense of humor, but very discreet about crossdressing. Prefer the professional career-girl look and the very feminine look. Interested in meeting women from NYC area for friendship/ relationship."

CHRISSIE YORK
(NY-P-M5212-K11564-74)
Member CD Network. WM CD, 5'5", mid-30s, 160. Interested in dressing clubs. Red hair, can pass. "Looking for an understanding female and other CD/TV/TS. I will write back. A lifetime CD."

BOB CLARK
(NY-M5285-K11734-74)
"SWM, 5'10", 49, dark blond hair, blue eyes, good looking masculine man seeking tall, leggy feminine TS or TV for possible correspondence and to get together. Please reply with photo. Will answer all."

GINA DANIELS
(NY-NP-M5226-K11619-74)
Hetero TV, 40s, 16, NYC metro area wants to go out with other TV/TS or mature gentlemen to the movies, a Broadway show or shopping. "I have hundreds of pictures. Your photo gets mine."

JEAN ALEXANDER
(NY-P-M5235-K11638-74)
SWM, TV, 40s, 5'10", 175, brown hair, blue eyes. "Sophisticated New Yorker loves to dress. Looking to meet other ladies who understand the good life and beautiful lingerie. Reaching out for the first time."

SHELLEY R.
(NY-P-M5310-K11783-74)
SWF (post-op TS) 26, 3 years post-op. "Looking to make new friends who enjoy alternative music, Anne Rice novels and admiring men on the beach. I'm hoping to make a fresh start in a warm, year-round climate. Not sure where. Would love advice from people in the south and southwest."

CLEO JONES
(NY-NP-M5376-K2860-75)
MWM, 60+, 5'9", 190. Member Buffalo Belles, Rochester CD Network. "Crossdressing since childhood. Wife very negative and unaware of my TV life. Love to dress and be feminine. Looking for someone in my area for long conversations. Can't afford separate apartment for Cleo. Will return letters ASAP."

DONNA WALSH
(NY-NP-M5459-K11222-75)
5'9", 150 lb., single, sincere, sensitive."Gender aware since childhood. Uncertain of my final destination but sure I am not there yet. Recently returned home after five years in Texas. Well educated, seeking new career opportunities. Enjoy sailing, reading, music, offbeat movies and film festivals, travel. Seeking correspondence /friendship with old and new friends ."

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)

BETH STEELE
(PA-M1031-K0663-75)
Member of Transpitt, Cross roads, TCNE. Attended Be All, Spring and Fall Provincetown Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interested in dressing up and going out to events, dinner, malls for shopping, and making friends.

ALISON LAING
(E PA-P-M1242-K0733-74)
Co-Founder, past National Director Renaissance. Chairperson of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, Director Fantasia Fair '94, '95, Ms. Fantasia Fair '92. Member of AEGIS Board of Directors. Trinity Award 1994. "Interested in Native American traditions and community building as related to transgenderism. Love fine dining, good wine, art, crafts, antiques, theater and travel."

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-79)
MWM, 41, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

CRAIG SAMSON
(E PA-P-M1977-K2548-73)
SWM, 6', 35, with dark hair and blue eyes. "I am a masculine and well muscled male. I own a small construction business. Seeking that special TS for a true and caring relationship. Will also respond to very feminine TVs. Please reply with photo. Will try to answer all."

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-NP-M1722-K1880-75)
Member TransPitt, Erie Sisters. 5'10", 180, red hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs to go out with, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."

S. KRISTINE JAMES
(PA-M3228-K6289-78)
"Founder Cross Dressers International in New York City, Director of Moonlight in Manhattan. Travel extensively and would love to hear from you."

CHARLES M.
(PA-M4774-K10509-74)
SW M-F hetero CD, 56, 5'10", 260, member TCNE. "Like to help hetero F-M CD discuss men's traditions during weekend meetings in PA Poconos, ABE area or Central NJ.Helps if you like Japanese and Chinese cuisine."

ROBIN F.
(W PA-P-M2020-K2429-73)
SWM, forties, 6', 165. 14, nonsmoker, professional. "Enjoy full petticoats, kilts, minis, lace and satin lingerie. Would love to explore CD fantasies with other TV/TSs or understanding women. Sensual, sensitive, spiritual. Interested in sincere caring friendships and fun."

DEBBIE L.
(PA-P-M2095-K2493-76)

VERONICA MARTIN
(PA-M2482-K3564-74)
SWM hetero CD. "Enjoy dressing in full petticoats and square dance dresses. Would love to go square dancing. Interested in meeting understanding women. PS: Barbara (genetic girl), you left out your return address in letter."

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-75)
30-something crossdresser with strong transsexual tendencies. "I enjoy painting, dancing, guitar, skiing and crossdressing. I do go out without problems. I will respond to any letters, but I am not much of a writer."

CHRISTINA FADOR
(PA-P-M2827-K4684-73)
SWTV, 5'8", blonde hair, green eyes. "Interests are hair and makeup, and shopping. Passable. Love to hear from TS/females for fun, dating."

JENNY W.
(PA-NP-M2891-K4869-76)
Single CD, 34, 5'6", 140. "Passing and feeling wonderful in Philadelphia. Professional, fun and outgoing with diversified interests. Would love to hear from all sincere, especially an understanding female for friendship/relationship. I travel a little. Talk to you soon!"

KATHY STONE
(PA-P-M3345-K6619-74)
MWM, early 40s, 5'10", 12, blue eyes. Enjoy shopping, dancing and listening, current events, sports, and fashions. "I travel extensively and would like to meet sisters and older gentlemen who know how to treat a lady for nights out, dating, or simply talking and friendship. Please send photo for prompt reply."

ROCCANA DEFAZIO
(PA-NP-M3383-K6784-74)
5'7", 160lb., 39.. "Fun- loving TV. Always looking to explore and enhance my true feminine inner feelings. Looking to meet that special someone who could help me achieve my goal of living my life as a woman. Good letter with photo generates same."

CANDY MICHELE DOELER
(PA-M5368-K6134-75)
"Pre-op TS just starting out

seeks advice from sisters farther along. Will do anything to achieve total womanhood. Anything. Seeking serious relationship with anyone who is willing and able to help with transition. Also desire employment. Willing to learn/relocate."

WILMA ANNE SILVER
(PA-P-M3388-K6832-74)
Single, retired, hetero CD. "Now have time to refine femme self. Looking for support in joining organization and attending social functions. Would also like to find a female to enjoy the best of both worlds."

DIANE DALE
(PA-NP-M4229-K7136-76)
Member Renaissance; Attended Paradise in the Poconos; MWM; Hetro; CD with strong TS feelings; 40-something. "Enjoy music, photography, shopping, aviation and clubbing. Wife doesn't know. Have a relatively conventional lifestyle, wonderful, stable family. Love to have fun, but nothing too extreme. Drop me a note, I'll write back."

D. McKAY
(PA-P-M4296-K8817-73)
Member : Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together '93, Be All '94, '95. 43, 5'11", 145, 10, very passable CD. Interested in helping others with femme image and mindset, and public awareness talks. W. Central PA area. "Will escort as male or femme shopping. Real Girls welcome also for meeting, maybe more. Femme photo gets response."

ERICA EDWARDS
(PA-P-M4505-K9143-73)
Member Renaissance LSV. WMCD, 44, 6', 180, 12-14. "Interested in meeting and hearing from GGs, other sisters, and like-minded individuals. Enjoy shopping, dining en femme. Enjoy having my own hair frosted and styled for those special days and nights."

MICHELLE WEAVER
(PA-M5348-K3940-75)
"Separated/divoreing bi-TV, 41, but looks and acts 31. Dressing since 10-years old, but inexperienced in makeup, nails, etc. Enjoy anything feminine, also racing, movies, plays and dancing. Would love shop, date and dance as Michelle. Can any M or F help me with pointers to be a woman? Will answer all."

KAREN K.
(SE-PA-P-M4593-K9998-74)
Single TV/TS, 6', 160. "Want to make friends with other TV/TS/GG. Interests include fine dining, shopping, traveling, living as a she-male, glamour, theatre, seductive fashions, makeup, high heels and all that is feminine."

JESSICA BRANDON
(PA-P-M4838-K7044-75)
Member of Renaissance. Hetero SBM, 36, 6'2", 195. "Have been crossdressing for twenty-two years. My image is that of a stylish, sophisticated lady, and I always dress like a classy career woman. Eager to become involved in local outreach while I'd love to hear from crossdressers of color."

LISA KISH
(PA-P-M5129-K11187-73)
33, 6'0", 165. "I'm back to my new self after suffering through a bout of *re*pression. Interested in hearing from old and new friends. I'm hoping to spend much more time having fun and interacting with the world as a woman."

KRISTEN ASHLEY EMBERS
(PA-P-M5145-K11340-74)
SCD, 31, 5'11", 165. "Interested in shopping, movies, sports, stock market, music–classic rock to country (love Mary Chapin Carpenter). Pursuing master's degree. Would like to meet understanding female for friendship/relationship. Also seek correspondence with TV/CDs. Letter with photo gets answered with same."

BARBARA D.
(PA-P-M5151-K9319-74)

DWM, 30s, tall, thin, hetero TV. "Love fashion and modeling. Enjoy the challenge and magic when the clothes, accessories, and makeup form a convincing transformation. My interests include music, art, cooking, and fitness. Would like to hear from accepting females and other TV/TSs."

ELLEN S.
(PA-P-M5319-K11011-74)

SWM, 46, Bi-TV. "Been crossdressing since my teens. Like to be out of the closet more, but fear I would not pass. Like to write and meet other TV/TS/CDs for friendship or relationship. Love wigs, makeup and being feminine. Discreet. Will try to answer all."

DELAWARE (197- 199-)

JANIE MARIE ADAMS
(DE-M5080-K8564-73)

MWM, CD, 5'7", 145, 40. "Recently out in public for the first time. Wife is supportive, but still learning about TV/CD. Enjoy feminine fashions, classical music and fine wines. Looking to correspond with other CDs and couples with similar interests."

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON
(DE-P-M0931-K0742-74)

Gracious lady active in Tri-Ess, IFGE, Renaissance Mtgs. Photographed Tiffany Club's Awards Banquets '90-'94. Married over 45 years to an understanding, beautiful and gracious wife. Self-employed, often dresses in home and office, dines out dressed. Electrolysis completed in '84. Sails, Pilot, Churched. Resides in Southern Del. Letters answered.

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-P-M2434-K3366-74)

Member Renaissance, Tri-Ess. "To all who have written, please forgive me, I just could not keep up. Thank you all! I come and go dressed anywhere, so I'm out there, and very lucky to have met the people of each organization. I hope and pray that I can and have been of some help to others."

JAMIE L.
(DE-P-M4880-K5911-72)

Fun TV who loves fun people. "Would love to hear from other TVs and TV admirers."

BRENDA LYNN GRAY
(DE-P-M5215-K2009-74)

Single TV, mid-40s, 5'7", size 8. Member Renaissance. "Very comfortable with my male and fem self. Love going out dressed. Enjoy making new friends. Like to hear from other sisters. Photo appreciated."

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (200- 205-)

BONNIE ELAINE LEONARD
(DC-M4440-K8190-76)

"Please help! I long to be a girl, but have a fear of not passing and a uncooperative wife. I want to contact others in my area, and to know of local businesses catering to TVs for clothing and shoes, hair, makeup and makeovers, voice training, electrolysis."

KAREN ELIZABETH
(DC-P-M4500-K9734-73)

Member TGEA. Tall, slim, 34, WASP, professional, feminist, non-op TS. "Been crossdressing since childhood to relieve severe gender dysphoria. Circumstances prevent SRS, but I can always dream. Would like to correspond with and meet other *gender dysphorics*."

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

CINDY HENDERSON
(MD-P-M1725-K0757-74)

She-male, 36, married. "Wife is very understanding and supports my feminine development. Am interested in writing, talking, meeting, and networking with all who enjoy and participate in the transgendered lifestyle. Wife would especially like to talk with females who are dating or are married to TVs."

S. G.
(MD-M2847-K3353-73)

"At age 44 I have been a lifelong TV 'transgender fetishist.' Have an extensive library which I have maintained for

28 years—TV/TS material. Married with an understanding and supportive wife. Special interest in petticoat punishment and enforced TV. We love to make new friends. Please write!"

NANCY ANN BURDICK
(MD-P-M2046-K2444-73)

Member DCEA, WBA, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91, Poconos '92, Texas T Party '94, Be All '94. 5'9", 165, brown hair and eyes. Crossdressed since age 10. Now have complete wardrobe and dress part of every day. Enjoy being out in any activity. Love clean CD magazines and writing to nice CDs."

RENE R.
(MD-P-M4191-K8579-74)

Bi-TV, 5'10", 150, 30s, lifelong CD, slim, educated, professional with healthy lifestyle. Interests include photography, art, nature, photography, music (blues). "Extremely busy life. Interested in meeting quality individuals, especially attractive, slim pre/post TS or females for long-term monogamous relationship."

NICOLE DANEÉ A.
(MD-P-M4402-K8900-72)

MBM hetero CD, 5'11", 160, 41, 41-32-41, 14. "Love all aspects of the feminine lifestyle. Let's talk! Love the career girl look, especially heels and ultra-sheer hose. Need advice on feminine deportment to become passable. Never been out dressed, but will soon. Photo with letter gets mine."

LEANNE THOMAS
(MD-P-M4493-K9708-73)

CD, 37, 5'8", 150, professional musician. "Slowly emerging from the closet. Wish to correspond with and meet other educated, imaginative TVs for sharing our femininity. I'm empathetic, articulate, creative, and give of myself. Love to dress. Wish to pass and socialize. Will respond to all good letters with photo."

LAURA DANIELLE B.
(MD-M3911-K8376-73)

"42, 6', transsexual woman in transition, feminist, partially out, with all associated joys and pains. Retired surgeon. Orthodox Jewish upbringing. Divorced. Two lovely boys in Israel. Struggling with both my past and my future, trying to divine my path while realizing there is no path."

MICHELLE HART
(MD-P-M5037-K10071-73)

Bi-TV, 35, 5'11", 170. "Enjoy being completely feminine. Interests are jazz/classical music, fine arts, wines and restaurants. Would like to correspond and meet other TV/TSs. Love sexy lingerie. Will exchange photos and videos. Photo if possible."

SUE B.
(MD-M5171-K5851-74)

Bi-WMM, 5'10", 200. "Wife non-supportive. Love to dress, especially in lingerie. Like guitar, computer sports. Would like to meet/correspond with others. Photo nice, but not necessary."

AMY B.
(MD-P-M5311-K11509-75)

SCD 32, 5'8", 150. "Out of denial in December '94. Aggressively pursuing crossdressing since. Have been out on several occasions. Love Chesapeake Bay and related activities. Looking for safe and supportive females for friendship, help with wardrobe and possible relationship. Please send photo with letter."

VIRGINIA (220- 246-)

JAYNE MACK
(VA-P-M1206-K0748-76)

WBiM, 50s, lifelong closet CD. "Late in accepoting so still learning. Want to correspond with and meet women, sisters, and men willing to help me on the road to becoming the woman I long to be. I'm a professional writer into electronic publishing. Love music, esp. jazz and big bands, and sexy lingerie."

LINDA C.
(VA-M0703-K0784-74)

Member of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. "Enjoy meeting, corresponding with TVs."

CHRISTINA SMITH
(VA-P-M1868-K2176-75)

Member Tri-Ess, Virginia's Secret. 6', 185. Just turned 50. Enjoy photography, big

band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed. "Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme or similar event."

SHEILA W.
(VA-P-M2276-K2832-73)
Member Virginia's Secret, Tri-Ess. 40, 6', 190, green eyes. Interested in photography, exchanging photos. "Friendly but shy. Try to be a good correspondent—not always successful. Enjoy meeting others."

KIMBERLY C.
(N VA-P-M2300-K2981-74)
"Transgendered. Have been crossdressing for 40 years. Last attended Southern Comfort 1994. Member Virginia Secret, TGEA. Will exchange experiences of coming out to family and business associates. Will answer all."

SHARON LEE
(VA-M3185-K6110-74)
MWM, 54, 6', 185, recently retired, long time CD. "Supportive wife. Just starting to go out, but a way to go to pass. Interested in gardening, computers, horology. Enjoy my feminine side. Will answer all letters."

DIANE PARIS
(VA-P-M2460-K3426-73)
MWM TV. Feels best when dining, shopping, at a disco or a piano bar with wife and TV friends or couples. She's found that confidence gains respect and dignity from the public. She and her wife are always ready to help other TVs or couples with the issues around this lifestyle.

SAMANTHA W.
(VA-P-M3052-K5630-74)
Member Virginia's Secret, Tri-Ess. MWM, hetero TV, 70s, retired, 5'9", 165. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. "Suppressed TV from boyhood to 1991 when I discovered Virginia's Secret and IFGE. Divorced and remarried wonderful supportive widow. Welcome letters from other TV's."

DAVE B.
(VA-M4881-K5926-75)
Bi-MWM, 42, 6', 180, blonde, blue eyes. Considered handsome with a warm and friendly disposition. "Travel, US, Canada and overseas. Wish to meet a TV/TS who desires a special relationship. Full of fun and mutual respect. Photo with your response appreciated."

DIANA A.
(VA-P-M3283-K6478-74)
"I am a fun-loving 36-year-old, trim CD who is looking for friends. I like to dance, shop, fashion, champagne, good conversation and having fun! I like romance novels, disco, jazz, lingerie and more. Give me a chance to tell you more. I will not disappoint."

LAINE R.
(VA-P-M3559-K7489-73)
"Avid 30-something girl ISO CD/TV/GGs who enjoy fun times together, socially or intimately. Into wearing short, sexy micro skirts, erotic attire by night, tasteful attire by day. Enjoy clubs as well as quiet evenings. Seek others who have it *all figured out* and who appreciate who they are."

DIANE VAN HORNE
(VA-P-M4730-K10459-74)
D, 35, tall, slender, discreet. "Wish to correspond with all who are in need of LSF. I answer every letter, but give priority to those with a photo. Have enjoyed making all my new friends, hope to continue to meet more. You have helped make '94 the best year of my life."

KARA H.
(VA-P-M4858-K5470-75)
"T* trying to work out what the * is...maybe S, maybe V. 6'3", green eyes, blonde. Interests include transgendered and feminist issues, computers and science fiction. Love to meet others."

MARGO JOHNSON
(VA-M4906-K10859-75)
DWM, Bi, CD, 49, 5'6", 150, 16. Tampa-St. Petersburg. Professional, clean, discreet, non-smoker. "Dressing for years in private. Love dresses, nylons, high heels, and everything feminine. Looking for other TS/TV/CD and understanding females to share these times with. Let's exchange photos and phone numbers. Can travel, entertain at home."

DEBRA DAVIES
(VA-P-M5087-K10926-73)
MWM, 5'11", 192, 45. "TV since age 15. Wife knows, but is less than enthusiastic (why should she be?). Go out monthly. Pass sometimes, not others! Interested in photo exchange and have videoed self dressed over last six years. Happy to swap and correspond."

BARBARA K.
(VA-NP-M5377-K10458-75)
WM bi-TV, early 50s, retired. "Enjoy my feminine side, especially high heels, nylons and sexy lingerie. Interests are fine music, wine and cooking. Love to dress. Would like to correspond and meet other TV/TSs. Please send photo with response."

DANIELLE MEADOWS.
(VA-NPM5455-K10619-75)
Very passable, 135, 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes. "Have accepted reality of being transgendered/TS but have found that reality to be lonely/confusing. Love the feel of nylons over shaved legs and wearing bikini on beach. Enjoy ocean, mountains and attention of sensitive, caring people."

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

DEE DEE HENSELL
(WV-P-M2329-K3026-77)
Member Kappa Beta. Divorced CD, 50, looking for woman who would like role-reversal in a relationship. I'd like to keep house and make a home for that special girl. Want to learn how to sew, and go to cosmetology school. Now living and working as a domestic. Like to meet and correspond with others."

KAY LIGHTNER
(WV-P-M2435-K3374-74)
Married CD with highly supportive spouse. "We both enjoy being out in the community and have attended Be All and Paradise in the Poconos. Have recently started vacationing en femme and coming out to select straight friends. I am an avid sewer and cartoonist, and love to correspond."

DEBBIE LUCAS
(WV-P-M3393-K6841-75)
Debbie is in her 40s, 5'6", has an understanding wife, and is passable. Debbie is a Tri-Ess member, one of the founders of Trans-WV, and is currently the president of a new Kanewha Valley support group called The Valley Girls (TVG), in Charleston, the state capital.

NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289-)

FRANCES T.
(NC-P-M1245-K0823-78)
Member TVC, Tri-Ess. Participant Coming Together, Be All. Late 30s, 5'7", 140. "Pass very well. Enjoy shopping chatting with store clerks, beauty personnel, etc., who know me. Flew dressed to my last convention. Look forward to doing it again next year. Browse in women's magazines and dress catalogues. Not a good correspondent."

KATHERINE D.
(NC-M4128-K8921-75)
Married, professional, cross-dresser. Interested in sports and fashion. "Kathy has been crossdressing several years, but is just now discovering her femme self. She is a new member of Tri-Ess. Her goal is to develop so that she may pass in public."

PATRICIA P.
(NC-NP-M3276-K6450-76)
"MWM, 30, semi-vegetarian, non-smoker, professional. Seeking sincere and

caring friends. My interests include playing guitar, reading, gender issues, The X-Files and leading a more simple lifestyle."

JACKIE J.
(NC-P-M4048-K8273-74)
SWMCD, 40ish, 5'9", 165. "Will try to respond to all sisters who have written. Bear with me! Still in closet. Someday soon, hope to open the door! Very active in community and spend much time with SO (doesn't know, but I think suspects). Ex-military (MOS 7562). Interests: gardening, fishing, aviation, hunting."

PAMELA ROGERS
(NC-NP-M4235-K9428-76)
"This Carolina girl Adores everything about being a lady. Enjoy sending letters and photos to friends from all over. Love the humorous side of our transgendered community, and proud to be a part of it. Being Pamela is not something I do, it is a part of who I am. Write soon!."

EMMA S.
(NC-M4864-K6443-75)
"Emma took an ax, and gave her closet door 40 whacks. When she had done, in came a ray of sun. I'm 35, SWM, bi-tendencies, 265, out with public, not with family. Searching for friends. Prefer '50s glamour look, especially gowns, foundation garments (collector) and cigarette holders. Please write!"

LISA R.
(NC-M4936-K10950-75)
TV/TS seeks employment in US. Bachelor degree Agronomist. Currently quality assurance lab technician. Laboratory or botanical opportunities preferred, but open to alternatives.

DENEEN C.
(NC-M5170-K8453-73)
MWM about 40. Interested in Sci-Fi, history, and old movies. "I would enjoy hearing from sisters in my area. Please help as I seek to develop my femme self. Will answer all correspondence."

SOUTH CAROLINA (290- 299-)

LEE CASHIN
(SC-P-M4926-K4696-76)
"63, Bi-CD. Androgynous because no CDs in area. Interested in meeting CDs in Hilton Head, Savannah, GA area. All woman underneath. Would love to meet passable CDs so we could date as couple. Have large collection of lingerie."

GARY H.
(SC-M3929-K8445-74)
WM, 29, 160, fit, thinning hair. "Desire to meet a post-op for friendship, dates and possible serious relationship if we are compatible. I am open-minded and easy-going, like music, dancing. Enjoy the simple life and would like to share it with someone special."

GEORGIA (300- 319-)

MICHELLE WEST
(GA-M1486-K0842-75)
"Yankee transplant has flourished in the Sunny South. Nourish my soul with books and music, my body with exercise, both with Tai Chi, and my bank account in the computer world. Lifelong CD, coming farther out by leaps and creeps Will answer all except come-ons."

MICHELLE L.
(GA-M4724-K9565-74)
In therapy for lifelong gender/body conflict. "Am seeking mutual support and encouragement with this issue as well as good, honest friendships. Also looking for support groups here in SE GA and NE FL. Can anyone help? Will answer all who write. Please, no sexually explicit letters. Thank you."

MELANIE SHALINE
(GA-P-M2265-K2822-75)
DWM CD, 5'13", old enough to know better, but still young enough to resist. "Love exploring all aspects of who I am. Your picture gets mine. Active in all events including conventions, retreats, cruises. Happy with who I am. Will share that feeling."

JAMIE LEE GREGORY
(GA-P-M3688-K8001-73)
TS, 5'10", 136, 45, divorced. Interested in movies, music, shopping, everything feminine. "Attended Southern Comfort '92, '93. Have begun transition process. Family, children, employer aware and supportive. Found total relief and at peace with myself. would like to hear from others. Will answer quickly as possible."

MICHELLE KELLY
(GA-P-M3054-K5640-73)
6', 170, blue eyes. "Traveling throughout Georgia."

LAURA A. SIMS
(GA-P-M3956-K6882-74)
MWM hetero CD since age of four, 55, 5'9", 168, 40-34-38, blue eyes, blonde hair.

"Love everything feminine, mostly home dresser, however, have enjoyed Southern Comfort and a few Atlanta Sigma Epsilon meetings. Love girl talk, sharing experiences. Your picture gets mine. Answer all. PROMISE."

STEPHANIE G.
(GA-NP-M5122-K9875-73)
41, slender, attractive bi-CD, open-minded, open heart, massage therapist. "Supportive wife. Very sensual and giving. Enjoy photos, correspondence, and fantasies. Interested in meeting others TV/TS/CD androgenous men. Send photo with letter. Becoming more femme every day. Deeply spiritual ('spiritual hedonist')."

DONNA K.
(GA-P-M5249-K11648-74)
"Tall, early 50s, act/look much younger. Have been dressing only a short time, but have come out successfully. Very open-minded. Love to make new friends for social interaction, dressing and role playing with other CD/TVs, dominant GGs, or gentlemen who appreciate a special lady."

GINGER SCHOENHERR
(GA-M5337-K2131-78)
SWM CD, very feminine, spends about 75% of time as a woman. Loves old movies, good conversation and being a woman. Seeks female or other CD to explore the feminine world.

FLORIDA
(320- 340-)

CLAUDIA K.
(FL-M1833-K1010-75)
Member Crossport, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All. Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group."

PETRA DAWN
(FL-P-M1314-K0817-73)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Tau Lambda (TLC). Late-30s, married with two children. Computer literate. "Active on various BBS including Tri-Ess BBS and Genderline and am exploring the Internet. We are forming a new group, TLC, like to hear from like-minded sisters in the north Florida or south Georgia."

PATRICIA GREENE
(FL-M4256-K9546-75)
"I thank God daily for my blessings: wife, daughter, friends who accept me cross-dressed, even encourages me at home. I never would have believed that it could happen to me, but it did. Take heart, it could happen to you!"

VANESSA B.
(C FL-P-M1396-K0931-73)
Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

HALEY T.
(FL-NP-M2332-K3034-76)
"Am interested in hearing from other TVs and TSs in Florida and Georgia."

NORMA SUE ALLISON
(FL-P-M3794-K0407-73)
5'8", 180. "Pre-op TS who loves romantic evenings, country music, corresponding with others, and all things feminine. Currently separated from non-supportive spouse. Enjoy shopping and dining out. Will answer all who write. Photo gets mine in return. Would love to meet others from the Tampa area."

VICKI SIMPSON
(FL-P-M3941-K6645-73)
Attended Southern Comfort. Single TS, 5'8", 135, living full time, on hormones since 9/94. "Enjoy cooking, shopping, dining out, going to movies and having my nails done. Interested in hearing from sisters and good looking men for possible relationship. Don't let your fears stand in the way of your dreams."

DIANNE WHITE
(FL-P-M4025-K5217-74)
TS on hold. Member MOTG. "Fun, enjoyable, dateable. Lest's party. 60, slim figure, size 9, nice legs. Love dressing stylishly, youthful and provocatively. Spike heels, tight skirts and black nightgowns were made for me. Feel the same? Fantastic. Let's chat. Love corresponding on any subject. All letters answered."

DENISE B.
(FL-P-M4035-K8736-74)
39-year-old CD. Married. Intolerant wife, 5'10", 160. Attended '93, '94 Be All, '94 Southern Comfort. "Eclectic tastes, particularly fond of shopping. Active on Tri-Ess BBS. Discovered my femme side only two years ago. It has brought me my life's highest highs and lowest lows."

VICKY S.
(FL-M4639-K10237-75)
WM CD, 35. "Would like to hear from others in the Bahamas, and anywhere else. Will answer all. Wife/children very supportive and encouraging."

MICHELLE HANES
(FL-P-M5320-K11802-74)
Married CD, mid-30s, 5'7", 145. Member Sigma Epsilon, Tau Lambda. Attended Holiday En Femme '92, Southern Comfort '93, IFGE '95 as glamour shot vendor. "Married to understanding, beautiful, tolerant wife. Three sons. Love being Daddy, but Michelle needs to let her hair down. Love to correspond, especially those interested in makeup: Mary Kay rep."

PAMELA ANN B.
(FL-?-M4695-K10384-74)
DWM, 50s. "Have been dressing for years, but need help getting past front door. Passable, maybe. Second opinion welcome, support. Enjoy all sports, photography, music, dressing as often as possible. Photo/phone appreciated. Answer all."

DIANA PERRY
(FL-P-M5438-K8289-75)
Mid 40s,6', size 12, married to understanding wife. Likes growing flowers, boating, and shopping. "New to the area, would like to meet sisters to spend time with. Just sitting in my yard and talking, going for walks and to nightclubs. Photo would be appreciated w/ phone. Clearwater area."

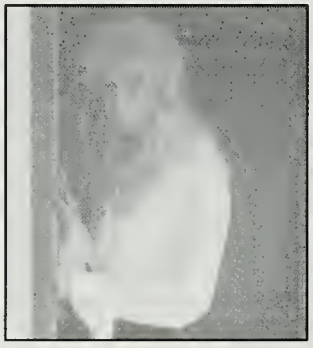
NANCY McDERMOTT
(FL-NP-M5456-K10695-75)
MWM, Hetro TV, wife knows. "Want to write/visit like-minded TVs/couples. Can travel state. Contemporary dresser, average looks dressed. Will answer all and would like to be a woman with you and will share costs. I don't drink/drug/smoke."

CARLA M.
(FL-M4953-K4570-75)
SWMTV, 35, 6', 160, brown/blue. "No en femme photo yet. In closet since childhood. With newly found TG community, Carla is coming out. Enjoy cooking, sports, movies, reading and friends. Love corresponding and everything feminine. Want all CD/TV/TSs and others to write. Don't be shy, be you!"

ALABAMA (350- 369-)

ANNE ARMSTRONG
(AL-M1478-K0934-73)
Member Tri-Ess. "Would welcome letters. Will answer quickly. Curious about other TV fantasies, clothes, etc. Am still in the closet."

SARAH C. JAMES
(AL-M4764-K10766-74)
DWM, 53, 5'8", 140, teacher, author. "Have written plays on TS; doing more. I enjoy being a girl, shopping, reading, movies, travel, music, dancing, romance (loving; being loved). I'm new, but I love it! Write to me. I treasure letters, and I always answer them promptly."



LISA T.
(AL-P-M4986-K5005-76)
6'0", 155, blonde, blue eyed TS seeks other TS/CD/TV to correspond with and trade photos. "Love showing off my long sexy legs. Your photo and SASE gets mine. Will answer all who include SASE. Possibility of meeting the right 'girl.'"

MELINDA C.
(AL-M5236-K11639-74)
SWM, 6'1", 50, TV for 35+ years. "Still in the closet, but have been out and it was wonderful. Will be joining Tri-Ess soon! Hope to meet and correspond with other sisters."

TENNESSEE (370- 384-)

KAREN T.
(TN-P-M3039-K4983-73)
DWM, 5'11", 135, 9/10, 50s. "Dressing in low tops, short skirts, and high heels is an incredible turn on for me. I would love to have a slim, caring friend. Frequently free to travel or entertain at home."

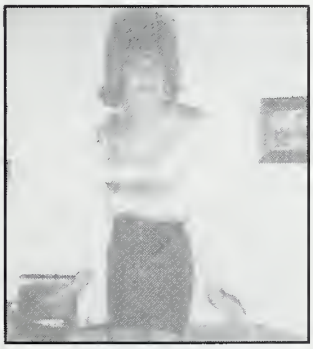
LORRIE RENAE T.
(TN-P-M4655-K7766-74)
5'11", blue eyes, blonde hair most of time, 22, hetero CD. Single and very much in closet. "Would like to meet an understanding female for possible relationship. Would also like to meet other hetero CDs for help in promoting feminine self."

TRACY SCINTILLA
(TN-P-M5160-K11336-74)
TS. "Sweet, loving and sensuous. 5'11", 160, 10T, 41. I would love to start taking hormones immediately and continue through SRS, but too afraid without loving, faithful male support. Seek SHE-MALE or tall CD/TV/man for relationship, TS/women for friendship/Lady talk. Love being a woman. Hope you all like me!"

LYNN D.
(TN-P-M5307-K11779-75)
Classy lady (CD) seeks supportive and understanding genetic female for correspondence and possible romantic relationship. Loves shopping, romantic music and quiet evenings. Very understanding, sincere and well educated. Will answer all, but photo preferred. Would like to correspond with genetic females, TV/TG/TS/CDs.

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396-)

SISSY S.
(MS-P-M3443-K7091-75)
Member of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, 39, hetero. Interested in being a woman and meeting women and CDs in MS. "Love going to restaurants, movies, and shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?"



JOANN LYNN
(MS-P-M3858-K3224-78)
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. Interested in meeting other CD/TV/TSs, MS Gulf Coast and New Orleans or Mobile, AL areas. "Love to dress as a female. Wife not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for a relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."

MELANIE CUEVAS
(MS-P-M4218-K7363-75)
Member Tri-Ess. 6'4", 205, MWM, hetero CD. "Play guitar, shop, read. Wife supportive at home. Still in closet. Passable. Quiet and sincere. Would love to correspond and possibly meet others in MS. Please send picture. Will answer all."

LAURA ALLISON
(MS-P-M4223-K9524-75)
SWM, 46, 5'7", 145. Member Tri-Ess. "Love the look and feeling of being a girl. Wish I could be better at it. Interested in almost everything. Look to develop friendship that will help me improve my femme side. Hope to venture out dressed soon."

KENTUCKY (403- 427-)

JUKUE R.
(KY-M1992-K2494-76)
"Love to hear from all."

LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M2001-K0965-99)
Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

OHIO (434- 457-)

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(SOH-P-M0954-K1005-73)
Member Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40's"

KATHERINE H.
(OH-M1994-K2073-75)
Member CLCC, Paradise Club. Divorced, 40, TV/TS, Bi, blonde, attractive. Interested in fashion, movies, music, cooking, gardening, golf, Yoga, aerobics. "Seek understanding friends in Ohio area, M or F. Intelligent, successful, articulate. Pass easily. Would like to meet others for fun, conversation."

•MARY R.
(OH-P-M1731-K1875-73)
Hetero, SWM, 38, CD, 12T, brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, and very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping, and everything feminine. "Would love to hear from any genetic woman. My ultimate goal is to be in total rôle reversal with sincere woman who understands my feelings."

CLAUDIA K.
(OH-P-M1833-K1010-75)
Member CrossPort, IXE, CFS. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort. A young old person who is retired. Interested in photography, golf, computers (Prodigy FMTX16A). "Since I live in Florida in the winter and the midwest in the summer, I can offer my support to the new girls in these areas. We can write, talk on the phone or computer, or visit in person."

SUSAN KNIGHT (N OH-P-M2053-K2450-76)
Divorced, hetero CD, 51, 6', 185. Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. "Enjoy fishing, camping, and old movies. Dress anytime I can and absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area and feel alone and frustrated, maybe I can help. Discreet."

RHONDA MILLER
(OH-P-M2150-K2546-74)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Attended Riverside '94, Be All '93. Married, CD, 56, 5'7", 176, nicely proportioned, passes easily. "Married to a very accepting woman in '95. Goes en femme to restaurants, shopping on regular basis. Hosted slumber parties in '93 and '94. Will answer all."

DIANE M.
(OH-M2212-K2660-73)
SWM, 5'11", 160. "Very strong TS desire. Quiet and shy, but anxious to make friends with others who have the same feelings. I would also like to correspond and meet females who could help bring out the woman that I should be."

LISA HART
(OH-NP-M2591-K3760-77)
MWM Bi-TG, 37, 5'10", 145. "Into country living, beagle hounds, being Lisa and everything feminine. Very understanding wife. Love going out shopping and to the clubs, and quiet times at home. Seeking CD girlfriends and men in my area for girl talk, trips out, or whatever. Love to have fun. NW OH."

JOAN B.
(OH-P-M3224-K6235-74)
Attended Southern Comfort. 5'5", 160, TS, married, professional, honest, caring, and discreet. Wife not supportive. Interested in sports, cooking, shopping, romantic evenings and long walks. "Love dressing and going out. Want to meet other TV/TSs and women for friendship and support. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Will answer all."

ROXANNE L.
(OH-M3755-K7391-73)
MWM, 43. Interested in music, reading, heart to heart conversations, feminism, Goddess religion, cross-gender psychology, writing. "Want to correspond with other sisters for mutual aid and growth. Am just emerging from the closet and looking for friends with similar interests."

JOANN HOFFLER
(OH-M3955-K8523-73)
M-F TS, 35. Interested in computers, sailing. "Seeking professional consultation and support. Would like to talk with other new M-F TSs with same interest."

TATIANA R.
(OH-M3886-K7267-73)
MWM hetero TV, 40s, 6', 165. Active on Compuserve's Genderline. "Would like to hear from others in the Ohio area. Am in search of a good support group."

KRISTINE JONES
(OH-P-M3931-K8465-74)
Member Crossport. Attended Be All '91-94. CD, 6', 165, MWM. "Love being Kristine whenever possible. Pass well except for height. Love being well dressed and going out for the evening. Would like to correspond with CD/TVs, genuine ladies or interested gentlemen."

DENISE DAWSON
(OH-P-M4746-K8130-78)

Member Paradise Club. Attended dozens of conventions. Miss Femininity '93. Single CD, 39, 5'7", 132. "Very passable and love fooling the general public, although sometimes chicken. Interested in getting together with other very passable CD/TSs and GGs for good times. Your photo gets mine. Understanding GG desired for quality relationship."

JOAN M.
(OH-P-M5088-K3381-73)

Lonely TV/TS on hormones would enjoy writing to her sisters. Loves are music, theatre and being one of the girls. Travels the US for business. Welcomes help on being more feminine. "Will answer all. Send photo, I will do same."

KATHY GREY
(OH-NP-M5044-K6767-80)

New member Cross-Port. MWM, CD/TV, 49, 6'0", 1707, 14/16 (38-30-38), black hair brown eyes. "Wife doesn't know. Wish to correspond with all. Interested in all things feminine. Must be discreet. Want friends to share and learn makeup, dress, poise, voice. Want to dress with girls. Love lingerie. Working on photo."

JESSICA SIMMONS
(OH-P-M5123-K10658-73)

5'9", 135, just-turned-forty, passable, pre-operative TS. "Into jazz, poetry, lesbian singers and literature. Of course, the Beatles. Would love to hear from others."

ANTHONY L.
(OH-M5128-K11188-73)

MWM, 42. "Professional writer of adventure fiction with lifelong attraction to and interests in feminine TS/TVs would like to meet or correspond with you. This Medina County resident is discreet and as affectionate as you wish, your basic nice guy. Available weekdays, some travel, will answer all who write."

STEPHANIE SHANE GEE
(OH-M5336-K6453-74)

Transsexual female. 38-29-36. "I am fabulous forty. Began my journey at seventeen. Seeking girlfriends in the southern and mid-sections of Ohio. I am a sincere friend. Sweet, secure guys may also write. Curious about F-to-Ms. Spirituality is my focus. God bless and Peace."

INDIANA (463- 479-)

YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)

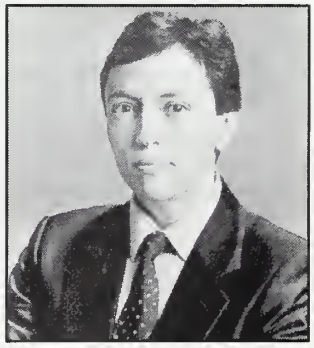
IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee. Lifetime member IXE. IFGE Trinity Award, 1991. Friendly,sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

VANESSA W.
(IN-P-M1166-K1046-73)

Member of StLGF. Attended Fall Harvest '91, Miss Best Dressed, Southern Comfort '92. MWM, TV, 32, 5'9". "Love shopping, sightseeing, and modeling as my fenne self. I'm a recent bride married to a very supportive woman who is my wife, my sister, my love. Would like to correspond with and meet select couples."

RITA S.
(IN-P-M1712-K1886-74)

45, 5'9", 160. "Sometimes shy, always sincere, honest. Lifelong CD. Want to make friends with other sisters in the La Porte, Indiana area for get togethers, conversation, shopping, whatever! You are not alone! Also seek hand-holding protective Man for my Honey. Around my age or older."



DAN COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1802-K1029-99)

Member IXE, IFGE Volunteer. Female CD, 40s. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out."

TEDDY K.
(IN-M3805-K8287-76)

MWM, non-supportive wife, mature, advanced CD. Member Tri-Ess, IXE and CIGA. Interested in writing, music, history, bicycling and tennis."Loving, enthusiastic

and committed, but also prudent. Eager to help others in our lovely community. Will answer all letters. Photo if possible."

CHERYL T.
(IN-M4766-K6251-78)
DWM, 50s, 5'8", 165, TG. "Having returned in '94 to my home after many years living in California, am now seeking new friends in the TG community for correspondence and conversation. You write and I will answer."

DEBORAH ANNE K.
(IN-P-M2011-K2422-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '90-'94. MWM, 54, 5'9", 150. Interested in gardening, shopping, housework, bowling, fishing, NASCAR, target shooting. "Enjoy dressing in cotton to silk, and do so when wife is away. She knows. Learning to apply makeup. Would like to help in person or correspondence."

LAURA A. SIMS
(IN-P-M3956-K6882-74)
Member Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess; IXE. New CD. MWM, 54, 5'9", 170. "Attended Southern Comfort, '93, and learned much about myself. Wife supportive, but not involved. Will answer all letters and share photographs."

VICTORIA LEE
(IN-P-M4112-K6392-74)
MWM, 49, 5'7", hetero CD, professional educator. Like jazz, classical music, dance, shopping, technology and the future. Everything soft and feminine. "Have loved dressing as a girl since I was 4. I am still looking for the courage to start going out."

RACHEL L.
(IN-P-M4549-K9772-74)
"Early 30s, shapely, passable and sincere CD. Dressing since age 16, out in public since 19. Enjoy the career look, makeup, and fun-looking outfits. Published in magazines worldwide. Dressing allows me to better express the femininity within me. And its just plain fun. Drop me aline."

JILLIAN JACOBS
(IN-NP-M4916-10870-76)
DWM, 43, 5'8", 160, college grad, professional. "Introduced to crossdressing at age 3 by Mommy Dearest and her two sisters. I'm happy with it and enjoying it more every day. Would love to establish a circle of warm, loving friends and correspondents. Your letter and picture will certainly get mine."

JENNIFER MARIE S.
(IN-P-M5174-K11416-73)
Single TV/TG, 40, past member KCCAF, StLGF, now in NW Indiana. Attended Fall Harvest '90-'94. Crowned Miss Fall Harvest 1994. "Active 5 years, growing and learning every day. Enjoy shopping, travel,night life. Love meeting new friends, corresponding or chatting on phone. Keep the Faith!"

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

LYNN P. J. OTTENS
(MI-M2745-K4492-75)
"She male, very feminine, desires friends, mentors and employment. I am/you must be drug, alcohol, smoke free."

MILESA PHAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-75)
Transgender supporter of Be All - 12 years. Photography, motorcycle hobby; college lecturer, Crossroads' past officer.

JENNIFER ANN NELSON
(SE MI-P-M1165-K1050-77)
Member Crossroads. 5'11", 160, 14, brown hair, blue eyes. "Cherish time as Jennifer. Just getting to know myself, understand my feelings as a woman. Love short skirts, silk dressing, and heels. Love to meet sisters, and be escorted on my travels. Will respond to your letters as best I can."

JUNE ASHBY
(MI-M3079-K5674-74)
"Mature crossdresser desires correspondence and meetings with other crossdressers or those who would like to try it. Advice to beginners and those who want to come out of the closet. Why stay there? Not a good place."

CINDY F. DINSER
(MI-M3010-K1075-73)
Member Crossroads, IME. Well-liked, good worker. Interested in swimming, bowl-

ing, bicycle rider. "Been with Crossroads nine years, IME five years. Been to ten Be Alls. We also hold a picnic once a year in the country, have a nice turn out every year. Please write if you want to. Love, your sister, Cindy."

MARCIA ANN T.
(E MI-P-M1871-K2173-75)
Member Tri-Ess, Crossroads. Attended '91, '92, '93 Be All. WM TV, 5'10", 165. Tri-city area. "For over 25 years have enjoyed passing in public. Wrote article on the mature CD for *LadyLike*. Love to correspond with prompt reply. Happy to share, help, advise others."

DEBBIE COOK
(MI-P-M2093-K2484-73)
Married hetero CD, 41,5'6", 130, 11. Vegetarian. Double Aquarius with Scorpio moon. Likes computers, astrology, Tai Chi, New Age and classical music, cats and gourmet coffee. "Love all things feminine. Would like your picture. Will write back ASAP."

DEBRA D.
(MI-M3490-K7206-75)
Member Crossroads. SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Would like to meet understanding female for companionship."

MARSHA K.
(SMI-P-M2719-K4382-80)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Love pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, and meet and go out."

STEPHANIE MICHELE WELLS
(MI-P-M3377-K6718-74)
5'9", mid40's, 140. Self-employed, open-minded and terminally gender confused. Interested in photography, mystery novels, computers, and meaningful conversation. "I enjoy corresponding, although I can be a tad slow in replying. Hope to make a few good friends, gain insight, and enjoy life a little more."

BOBBI SWAN
(ND-P-M3557-K0975-75)
Member of Swan's Inner Sorority. 64, 195, 6'1", blue eyes. Interested in meeting others. "Publish monthly newsletter, *Ms. Lisa's My Way*. With very supportive wife who as a beautician loves to work with sisters and their spouses."

DIANE C.
(MI-P-M3740-K8200-73)
SWM, hetero, CD, 34, 5'11", 160, blue eyes, blonde hair, 14/16, professional. Interested in all things feminine, shopping, dressing, jazz/classical music, theater, fine arts, wines & restaurants. "Lifelong, closeted CD. Sensitive, empathetic. Want to allow femme self to blossom. Eager to perfect sophisticated, elegant image & personality. Seek correspondence, relationship, perhaps marriage."

JOANNE MARIE DANIELS
(MI-M4094-K8811-79)
SWM, born 1947, hetero CD, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. "I am interested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping, and enjoy wearing women's clothes. I am slowly slipping out of the closet and am undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond and meet other CDs and females who understand CDs."

ROBERTA LEIGH
(MI-M4408-K2684-76)
Member Crossroads, Tri-Ess, IME. MWM, hetero CD, 5'6½", blonde, hazel, 18 and losing. Interested in CD, outdoor sports, travel, shopping. "Visit all 48 states and Canada. Just coming out. Wish to hear from sisters married to a 10+. Love the female persona. Not looking for anything sexual. Discretion expected. Love to all."

CHRISTIE WOODS
(MI-M4563-K9757-73)
MWM, 34, TG. "Just coming out. No picture yet. My wife knows, but still seems to struggle with acceptance, as do I. Father of two sons. Am interested in all things feminine. Plan one day to go out dressed. Would like to correspond with other parents concerning family issues and feminine preferences."

VICKIE CARSON
(MI-P-M4599-K10092-74)
Bi WM TV, 42, lifelong TV. "Love to go out shopping in

the day and dining and dancing in the evening. I would like to meet others who are interested in this culture. Please write. I will respond to all letters."

CHRISTINE LYNN
(MI-P-M4879-K4510-75)
Member Crossroads. Hetero, 29, 5'11", 14, passable. Interested in fashion, shopping, makeup, dressing, travel. "Desire to meet an understanding/supportive woman for friendship/relationship. Would enjoy corresponding with other CD/TV/TS. Letter with photo will be answered with the same."

MICHELLE KAY
(MI-NP-M5021-K3447-73)
SW TV, 30s, 5'11". "I adore lingerie, stockings and heels. Love to primp and pose for the camera. Just starting to go out dressed. Would enjoy sharing correspondence, photos and fantasies with my beautiful transgendered sisters and GGs.Love being a girl! Send photo."

REBECCA DUNN
(MI-M5192-K11525-73)
Pre-op TS, 33. "Life is about unconditional love, laughter, the pursuit of excellence, and the quest for truth. I appreciate anything of quality that challenges people and seeks to lift them up. Life is short. Be good to yourself . . . and above all, be true to yourself."

SUZY D.
(MI-P-M5154-K11385-74)
Member CrossRoads. Mid-forties, 5'6", 140. "Very feminine and passable CD who loves being a lady in all respects. Would very much like to correspond with other sisters and gentlemen interested in our special world. Will respond to all!"

SUSAN MORRIS
(MI-NP-M5441-K8690-75)
"I'm so sad! I'm still in the closet and have no one to talk to but these damn coat-hangers! Single, bi-curious TV would love to hear from you for girl talk. Need a friend? Me too, so please write today. I enjoy camping, reading, and music. Photo please."

IOWA (500- 528-)

JANET BAKER
(IA-M2091-K2482-76)
WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

ALISHA P.
(IA-P-M2071-K2466-73)
MWM, 40s, 6', 145, 8-10. "CD since childhood. Understanding wife, kids don't know. Love formal elegance, corsets, satin. College grad in geology. Own small business related to construction. Interests include photography, skiing, SCUBA, scouting, philosophy."

MICHELLE SCHEMANN
(IA-M5117-K11112-73)
43, MWM, 5'9", 155. Novice CD with bi-inclinations. "Blessed with naturally girlish figure. Interested/excited by feminine things since childhood. Finally exploring my femme self. Experiencing major case of gender euphoria. Thirsty for information on all aspects of feminine mystique. Need guidance/advice creating my female persona. Eager to share ideas/photos."

WISCONSIN (530- 548-)

LESLEY ANN SKOJEN
(WI-M3018-K5042-75)
43, 6'4", 190, CD with strong TS feelings. "Dress in conservative fashions as often as possible. Would prefer to live in female gender. Still in closet. Interests include shopping for feminine clothes, bicycling, music, movies, woodworking, auto racing. Searching for understanding woman. Seeking correspondence/meeting with TV/TS women."

JANET LYNN
(WI-P-M2141-K2536-77)
MWM. "Have very understanding wife who says I look pretty good. Am interested in all who need help telling their Significant Others about their crossdressing. Am into travel, photography, and country music. Write if you need suggestions on how to tell your other half."

KIM GREEN
(WI-M3113-K5687-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme. Mid-aged, athletic, educated. Interested in meeting crossdressers, especially those who have involved significant other. "Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG and couples who have involved this culture in their lifestyles."

LAURA B.
(WI-M4513-K5814-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Hetero CD, 165, 5'6", 41, blue eyes. "Like to share feelings with others, CDs or women, who understand. Wife knows, but it is hard for her to understand. Like to correspond with like-minded people."

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-74)
"There's more to life than everyday living, there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this: constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. Our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond and be friends, too."

TANYA K.
(WI-P-M3275-K4933-74)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and my family. "CD since childhood. Dress in hotel, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to tell wife. Like elegant styles. Like to hear from those with similar interests."

STEPHANIE S.
(WI-M4757-K10727-78)
DWM, 41, 5'10", 150. "Recently divorced. Finally coming out. Tired of suppressing Steffi. Need to experience life and express myself as possible as a female. Two lovely daughters. Wonderful girlfriend accepting and interested in participating. Intelligent, sensitive, N/S, humorist, sports enthusiast. Willing to meet, correspond. Frequently travel to Chicago."

CATHY BROWN
(WI-P-M3698-K8037-77)
S, TG, 5'9", 155, nonsmoker. "Have been crossdressing since age 4. Have recently made some successful public outings. Like to hear from any other TG/TV/TS, anyone interested in helping our community and our selves. We must all work together for the acceptance we deserve."

ADRIENNE S. LEE
(WI-P-M4276-K8299-75)
WM, separated, older, 5'7", 150. Interested in sports, nature, animals, flowers, fishing, hobbies and art. "Live in rural NW Wisc. Love to dress. Need some friends as it is lonely here. In winter, I paint landscapes on canvas and on saw blades. Love shopping."

GINA J.
(WI-N-M4632-K10214-74)
"Tall, single and dedicated TG. Cherish the friends I've this past year through *Tapestry*. Enjoy building, volunteer work, witty conversations and shopping for clothes(!). Would love to hear from other TV/TSs and women who delight in warm HEARTS and the FEMININE MYSTIQUE."

JACQUELYN RICHTER
(WI-M4801-K5336-74)
"Former vice-president Tri-Ess Chi chapter, Co-founder of Gemini Gender Group and publisher of Gemini newsletter. Transgendered and open at work, home, church and public. Politically proactive with Presbyterian Church sexuality issues locally. Member Action Wisconsin."

SANDY P.
(WI-M5003-K8284-76)
CD just coming out of the closet. 54. "Looking for advise, help, acceptance. Lifelong CD, wife very negative. Would like friendship from experienced CDs, advise on makeup, clothes, etc."

RANDY D.
(WI-M5124-K11175-73)
DWM, mid-40s 5'7", 120. "Creative skilled craftsman. Enjoy woodworking, art, antiques, auto racing. Lifelong TV/TS feelings. Bi-curious. Dress every day. Finally able to be who I was meant to be. Looking for friendships or more, and help coming out from F/TV/TS. Entertain at home. Photo appreciated."

MINNESOTA (550- 567-)

STEPHANIE J.
(MN-M2385-K3139-75)
Member CLCC. 5'10", size 24W, 42, full-figured bi-CD. "I've been dressing 30 years and love it! Desire small get-togethers with bi-CD and bi-males. Would love to correspond with Minn. CDs. Meet for coffee first? Discretion assured. Photo and phone if possible."

JENNIFER O.
(MN-P-M10570-K1161-75)
Member CLCC. Attended several Fantasia Fairs and Be All events.. 6'2", 180. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball and investing. "Married to a warm and supportive spouse. I like to express my feminine side at home or local club meetings."

VANESSA S.
(MN-P-M11168-K1159-76)
Married CD, mid-40s. "Love my femininity and all it represents. Have written two serious books on crossdressing. Give educational presentations to college and professional groups. Interests include theology, psychology, music, correspondence with married couples dealing with CDing, sports, pop-culture and, of course, opportunities for feminine expression."

KARIN A.
(MN-P-M2248-K2740-73)
Married CD, 40, supportive wife, monogamous, 5 children, Christian, professional musician, member CLCC. "Interested in meeting CD or TS with healthy outlooks and relationships in MN or western WI. Couples encouraged to write for support. Especially seek musician for possible gender music projects."

DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-P-M2396-K3143-79)
Director, Gender Education Center. VP, CLCC. Executive Board, Lambda Justice Center. Married CD, 5'9", 12/14, mid-40s. "Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. In public often. Direct extensive outreach and training programs. Present at universities, medical and professional groups. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, computing, and SHOPPING!"

CLARISA JOY ANDERSON
(MN-NP-M5370-K2957-74)
Bi-WM. 5'7", 35, 175, hazel eyes, graying gracefully. "CD for 25 years. Interested in outdoor things, nature, music and sexual explorations. What a long, strange, lonely trip it has been! Share photos and stories with all. Will share time with right man."

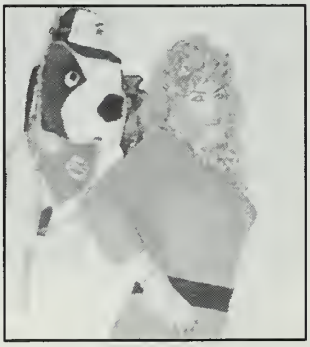
SOUTH DAKOTA
(570- 577-)

CRYSTAL T.
(SD-P-M5278-K11699-74)
MWM, 33, 5'10", 150, blue eyes, great legs. Interested in camping, hunting and skiing the steep. "Pretty and passable, but have never gone out. Would love to meet others for dress up parties and excursions into the world. Have supportive and understanding wife. Adventure awaits."

NORTH DAKOTA
(580- 588-)

LAURIE C.
(ND-P-M4152-K8923-79)
Tall, slim, blue eyed blonde, geographically isolated, would love to correspond with any other CD/TGs who enjoy living as their femme selves. Educated, retired professional. "Have gone back to college to occupy time. Enjoy gardening, music, cooking, boating and computers. Believe in enjoying life and all the good in it."

MONTANA
(590- 599-)



JERI LYNN
(MT-M3808-K2030-76)
MWM, 56, 6'2". "Have been dressing since childhood. I would love to share being feminine with any of my loving sisters, especially any in Montana area. Hope to reach out and be there for any sister or SO who feels in their heart they are feminine because of state's small population."

ILLINOIS
(600- 629-)

NAOMI O.
(IL-P-M0257-K1257-73)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, crossdressing, and history. Attorney.

EVE B.
(IL-P-M0523-KII99-75)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Awards: IFGE Trinity, Miss Dream, FF Miss Congeniality, Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. Elegant fun-loving TG devoted to making our lives in this world better. Outreach to educate the world about our lifestyle.

TERESA BEATRICE K.
(IL-M1969-K2257-76)
6'5", mid-40s, SWM-TV, 300 lbs, programmer, chess, AD&D. "Still in the closet and relatively content to remain. I am still in net lurker mode: learning by watching."

MICHELE MAGUIRE
(IL-P-M2125-K2516-80)

Officer: CIGA (Central Illinois). CD, Member: CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis). Married (with preschoolers), 5'11", birth year 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, spective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, non-smoker, sensitive, heterosexual, infrequent correspondent (family first... Michele last. "Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism."

JENNIFER THEISS
(IL-P-M2994-K5185-74)

"Beautiful inside and outside lesbian pre-op transsexual woman. 5'11", 136, black hair, green eyes, tan skin. Twelve years living full time successfully as a general manager of a retail chain restaurant. Wants to meet women or pretty transsexuals. Friendship, no men!"

JACKIE V.
(IL-P-M3009-K5199-73)

Member CIGA, Tri-Ess, CGS. Attended several conventions. Hetero, S, 6', 160. "Llike to meet gals who support our lifestyle. Non-drinker, nonsmoker, no drugs. Love old cars,the outdoors. Self-employed, love to be en femme. Dress daily."

PRISCILLA B.
(IL-P-M3085-K5273-73)

Stylish, blonde TV, married. "Adore all things feminine, especially gowns, sexy party dresses, and photo sessions. Open to ideas about making a TV video. Satin and lace are so divine. Seek correspondence and photo exchange with TV/TSs and couples who are comfortable with this lifestyle. Can entertain and meet in midwest."

JULIE M.
(IL-M2936-K5012-76)

MWM, mid30s, CD with TS feelings. "Do not dress often, as wife doesn't know. Love to attend national events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style and confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other CD/TSs/ladies who understand."

RYTA CARLSON
(IL-P-M3563-K7869-73)

MWM TV with TS imagination. 12/15/52, 6', 170, hazel eyes. "Pass in public! I was shocked. Would love to meet and correspond with sisters nationwide. Design adventure tours. Have a passion for life and learning. Am just getting started in gender community. Hi!"

BARBARA ANN ROBERTS
(IL-P-M3816-K6257-73)

Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'10", 175, 49, educated professional, TV. "Love to dress up, go out, outdoors, fishing, hunting, Chicago suburbs. Dressing all my life, now want to come out. Have joined support group. Like to correspond, swap photos, meet others for friendship, sharing, learning."

JULIE ANN P.
(IL-M3962-K5840-73)

MWM, 44, 5'9", 185. Interested in sporting events, fishing, women's fashions. Wife understands, but not supportive. "I dress when she is not home. I enjoy the feminine feeling when dressed. It makes me feel relaxed."

DIANE DEEDEE BOLDEN
(IL-M3994-K8608-75)

Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. 5'11", 155, MWM professional who also teaches, lectures, consults, etc. "Dressed in secret for 20 years going out some, but terrified. Found Tri-Ess in '92 and have grown through its activities and new friends there. Pass well. Shop, dine, as Diane with confidence."

BARBARA GLADE
(IL-P-M4148-K8938-75)

Member Tri-Ess, CGS. Chicagoland TV, 30, 5'10", married to supportive wife. "Am trying to become more active in the CD scene. Looking for other CDs to go out and help with my goal of passing."

RENATE von FALKENBURG
(IL-P-M4754-K10714-77)

Slim, leggy, passable TV/TS loves to correspond with same and mature gentlemen fascinated with sexy gals. "Gals, let's share experiences and exchange tips. Guys, I'm

into heels, nylons and lingerie. Will follow with photos."

MS. JEANIE C.
(IL-M5374-K9967-75)
MWM TV, mid-50s, 6'5", systems analyst, married to a sometimes supportive wife. "Love everything feminine, especially skirts, dresses, hose and heels. Wear panties and girdle every day. Must be careful due to job and family. May never get out of closet, but would love to try."

MONIQUE DUBOIS
(IL-P-M4904-K10856-75)
5'10", 165, 39 (and holding), hazel eyes, friendly. Interested in reading, all sports, woodworking, movies. "Placing this listing to establish correspondence with other TV/CDs and women who love them. Love dressing sexy (in leather skirts, heels, seamed hose) or in fashionable business-woman look. Passion for sexy lingerie. Please write and include your photo."

ROXANNE LAVERNE MITCHELL
(IL-M5185-K11230-73)
"Enjoy lingerie, working on becoming passable. Just started hormones this past November, male-to-female. Enjoy dressing as a woman and being feminine. Welcome correspondence from all. Hobbies include photography and travel. Single, 47, and want to be TS real bad!!"

LEAH HARRINGTON
(IL-M5234-K11637-74)
WM, 40, CD with TS feelings. "Dress as often as I can. Have passed many times, even though I am 6' tall. I like short skirts, high heels and flashy jewelry. Looking to meet other CD/TSs or men who like them. Please write. Include phone number so we can get together soon. Discretion assured."

MICHELLE G.
(IL-M5286-K11741-74)
DWM, 44, 5'10", 180, 16, blonde hair, blue eyes. "Love everything feminine. Not passable yet, but working on it. Love to escort as a male. Seeking correspondence and/or meetings with couples, men, women. Live in small town, but can travel. Answer all. Photo appreciated."

MISSOURI (630- 658-)

VANESSA T.
(MO-M4113-K8923-74)
DWM TV, mid-40's, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. "Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, and with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs and women interested in CDs for friendship."

JENNIFER RICHARDS
(MO-P-M2689-K4328-72)
Born and raised in Philadelphia; flourished in Portland, OR; developed in St. Louis; a DREAM girl, MAGGIE enthusiast, active Congress Rep.; an IFGE Trinity recipient. MC/singer/dancer/producer, organizer, officer. Interested in outreach, personal growth, fulfillment, encouragement, and balance. "Keep smiling, keep shinin', knowing you can always count on me–for sure–That's what friends are for . . . "

DENISE DEMAGNE
(MO-P-M3225-K6234-74)
Member Tri-Ess, 50, 5'8", 130, hetero, wife tolerant but not supportive. "Interested in music, fashions, long distance running, antique autos, meeting other sisters.
cently out of closet, comfortable with my crossdressing. Value friendship, honesty, discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers. Would like to correspond with and meet others in St. Louis area."

JORDYNNE LOBO
(MO-P-M3874-K4403-74)
Pre-op TS. "Formerly a well paid, bitterly unhappy corporate 'cog in something turning'; now a richly happy restaurant and cocktail waitress. May you feel naked if you are not wearing a smile."

VICKI SHERIDAN
(MO-P-M4208-K9491-76)
Member CAF. 5'7", 170, 48, married. Attended Fall Harvest, Texas T Party. "Go shopping and out to dinner on weekends with a friend. Just enjoy being a girl."

JULIE RUSSELL
(MO-P-M3958-K2970-73)
DWM, hetero, 51, 6', 185. Interested in shopping, socializing, travel, football, and all types of female clothing. "Am not really looking for anything with this listing. I just think *Tapestry* is a great publication and want to support it. I do plan to attend a major event this year."

R. C.
(MO-M4589-K9995-73)
6'6", 255, 63. "I bought just one edition of *Tapestry* and learned more from it about myself than from all other books, magazines, etc. If I could just talk to another crossdresser, it might help me learn a lot more. Too old and too big for anything but the closet."

MICKI DANIELS-GREENWELL
(MO-P-M4610-K7131-74)

"Hello. I'm Micki. I've been transitioning since April 1993. I'd like to see some support for transsexuals in the transgender community. I'm working toward that end. If you are TS and want to get involved, or if you are just looking for a friend, and are alone, we need each other."

PATRICIA ELAINE KASTEN
(MO-P-M4805-K10267-74)

Pre-op TS, 5'11", 143, 31, 100% passable. "Living 75% of time as Trish. Would like to make friends with other TSs. Looking for long term friendships and support. Will answer all, so be patient. Photo gets photo in return."

VANESSA T.
(MO-M4113-K8923-74)

DWM TV, mid-40s, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. "Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, and with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs and women interested in CDs for friendship."

JULIE WILSON
(MO-M5359-K7288-75)

SBiWM, CD, 34, computer professional. "Have cross-dressed since childhood, only seriously for the past two years. Interested in music (especially vocal), theatre, sports, cooking and the outdoors. Would like to hear from understanding individuals, especially anyone with tips for Julie's first time out. Photos appreciated."

KANSAS
(660- 679-)

CHERYL ANN BRADLEY
(KS-P-M3667-K7958-73)

"Friendly, understanding, discreet, married CD, 40s. Very supportive of all that is transgendered. Travel to Wichita, Kansas and SE MO. Love music, dancing, good conversation, honest people. Your photo, letter get mine."

SHELLY H.
(KS-P-M4627-K10171-74)

Member Wichita Gender Alliance. DWM, 48, 5'8", 175, 18. Lifetime CD. "Carpenter into remodelling, electronics, cooking, baking, love good music and crosswords. Goal, to live as a woman. Sisters in community have helped tremendously in self-acceptance. Love to hear from, meet other sisters for support, friendship. Will answer all. Love y'all!"

BECKY GAIL CROSLOVE
(KS-M4847-K2616-75)

"Lonely, white, single TS, pre-, seeks mail phone photo exchange. Gender outlaw."

•EVELYN BORDEN
(E KS-?-M0400-K1329-76)

"Tall, well educated, very passable TG interested in meeting others and sharing resource information. Open, understanding, helpful to others traveling same path."

VERONICA MOELLER
(KS-P-M4893-K7412-75)

SWM, TG, 37, 5'7", 160. "Professional, enjoy reading, writing, fiction, movies and outdoors. Goal is to live as female for a year. Passable. Seek friends who can lend advice, support in realizing this dream."

STALENA PAGE
(KS-NP-M5342-K5379-74)

SW, TS, M-F Pre-Op, 50, Dresses well, 5'9", 170. "Seek friends and someone to share the rest of my life with; gentlemen, TS, CD, I'm very understanding, compassionate and kind. A great person to know. Likes all kinds of music and do many things. Please write, I'm very lonely."

NEBRASKA
(680- 693-)

DEBRA ANN F.
(NE-P-M1655-K1347-74)

"Blew the closet doors off this May. Attending the Texas T Party and SPICE in 1995. Supportive wife and family. Am signed up for the Big Sister program in Tri-Ess. Am waiting to help my first little sister. My wife would like to help other wives who are having trouble with their husband's dressing."

MELISSA SUE D.
(NE-NP-M5161-K11392-73)

"Single TV, TS inclinations, 5'10", 32. Dressing since age 8. Love and accept my feminine side. Lace, heels and seamed stockings favorite turn-ons. Any girls interested in same, please contact me

ASAP. Photo and letter will get same. Love to meet sisters in the midwest. Open minded males are also welcome."

JANELLE L.
(NE-M2958-K5055-78)
Member of Emerald City. 6'1", 14, recently married, 40's, almost passable, nonsmoker. "Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel extensively, especially the Pacific Northwest. Wife tolerates. Educated friendly, pilot, physically active, computer literate. Like to correspond and meet couples, TVs for discussion, local activities."

DEE ANN W.
(NE-M4647-K9711-78)
Member RCGA. MWM. "Lifelong closeted TV. Wife is accepting, but a lot of issues remain. Searching for integration of male and female sides. Enjoy corresponding with TV/TSs. We can learn from each other."

MELISSA H.
(NE-NP-M2742-K4493-76)
DWM, 50, 6'2", TV/TG. "I enjoy country life, golf, fishing, movies, restauranting and any new adventure. Went sky diving this last winter and bought my first computer. Would like to make friends with women, TSs, men and TVs. Life keeps moving on. I'm just not sure where it's taking me."

TAMI DIANE
(NE-M3284-K6480-74)
"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs and genetic females for friendship."

MELISSA SUE D.
(NE-P-M5161-K11392-73)
SWM, early 30s, TV with TS tendencies. "Love to dress and be dressed in anything feminine. Would love to meet and get dressed with any sisters in my area. Please contact me and we could do the Grand Illusion."

LOUISIANA
(700- 714-)

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-P-M2964-K5098-76)
Member Gulf Gender Alliance. "I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, and am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters, and would welcome corresponding with them."

MARAIN B.
(LA-M5298-K3493-74)
5'7", 150, early 30s, pre-op TS. "I like movies, reading, writing and American history. I would like to talk to other TSs. I have taken many steps forward and several back, but I am on the road to being the woman am I."

ARKANSAS
(716 - 729 -)

RANDY S.
(AR-NP-M1708-K1872-74)
S M-F TS, 5'10", 155, long auburn hair, blue eyes, 40s, bi-sexual, 38B-29-39. "Feminine country girl seeks mature gentleman interested in relationship. Also other TV/TSs. Enjoy sharing experiences. Am considerate, sensitive and discreet. This passable, understanding southern gal would love to hear from you. Can travel or host."

LARRY D.
(AR-M5247-K10478-74)
MWM. "Never had a desire to dress, but have had a lifelong desire to know and associate with those who do. I respect who you are, and would love to hear from anyone, especially in Arkansas and nearby states. Would you like an understanding man's point of view?"

OKLAHOMA
(730 - 749-)

ARLENE L.
(OK-M4664-K10321-74)
Pre-op TS, 48, 5'10", 180. "Family knows but nonsupportive. Passable, architect, boss knows, coworkers do not. Crossdressing since childhood. Divorced, two loving children. Taking hormones. Away from work I am Arlene, live as Arlene in my own apartment. Seek other TSs for friendship. Quiet, sincere, passive, loving."

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-74)
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, 60s, retired. Wife accepts but not supporting. A so-so passer, but going out since 1991. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing and transsexualism. Hope to do some writing. "Like to meet and correspond with like-minded people."

TEXAS
(750- 799-)

BOBBIE KAYE
(TX-M2089-K8064-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos, awarded Miss Engenue. MWM, TV, 44, 6', 200, supportive wife. Interested in playing golf, computers, BBS support. "Out and about cautiously. Enjoy my feminine side and share her with my wife (my best friend). Would like to share experiences and thoughts with others."

RENÉ FENNER
(TX-P-M0989-K1401-75)

Vice President GCTC 1994. Early 60s, out of closet 15 years. Comfortable going most anywhere as René. Always trying to improve feminine image. Hobbies include amateur radio and fishing. Member Tri-Ess. Attended all Texas T Parties, Coming Together '87, '92, California Dreamin' '93. Interested in corresponding with those who share common interests.

LAURA TAYLOR
(TX-P-M1254-K1408-73)

"TV who has just entered her 40s. I'm about 5'9" and 170. Just love my time dressed and made up as a woman. Love to meet and correspond with other TVs. Off lots of weekdays for dress up sessions, shopping, lunch, etc."

OLIVIA GUTIERREZ
(TX-M3065-K5783-73)

"Lifelong TV. 40ish with supportive wife. Broadcast engineer, private pilot, published writer. Enjoy travel and discussions about engineering, flying, martial arts, music, etc. Let's trade stories."

CASEY COLE
(S TX-P-M1907-K2196-79)

Hetero, male CD, 44. "Living with supportive lifemate. Active in Austin Second Image, member of ETVC. Previous member of Boulton and Park, Heart of Texas TV."

DANIELLE M.
(S TX-P-M2691-K4242-73)

MWM, college educated, semi-retired, 5'11", proportional weight. "Solo friendship/companionship sought with discreet responsible 40+ professional person. Strong interest in CD/IFGE activities. Gentle quest, non-pressuring attitude. Drug-free, smoking OK. Good health and attitude. Corpus Christi, Texas area only. Pluses would include walking, aerobics, swimming, fishing, occasional golf."

CAROL BAKER
(N TX-P-M2179-K2597-73)

Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended all Texas T Parties. 5'11", 175, married with supportive family. "Outgoing. Not shy. Enjoy promoting crossgender lifestyles. Always try to present the best image possible. Love to go public, meet people, correspondence."

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY
(TX-P-M2940-K4963-69)

Member of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Out of Closet and successful transgendered attorney. Interested in helping people out of their closets, fighting myths and stereotypes, public speaking on our issues. "This is not '76 when I came out, this is 1992. Come out! You are an okay person. Don't put up with the guilt and shame lie."

RIKKI SCOTT
(S TX-P-M2201-K2649-73)

Lifelong crossdresser and college prof. "I am doing continuing research into the childhood and family backgrounds of TV and TS. I would like to hear from you about your early experiences with crossdressing."

FRANCINE WILLIAMS
(TX-P-M3112-K5688-73)

"I have a very supportive wife. We enjoy the feminine side of my personality. I just adore: women, lingerie, lace, crinoline petticoats, victorian corsets, and vintage apparel. Hobbies: travel, photography, cultural activities, and helping sisters. Have a busy life, but will correspond and exchange photos and clippings of interesting articles."

SUSAN SHAW
(TX-P-M3174-K6055-73)
SW TV 37, 5'10", 155, brown/blue. "Seeking long term relationship. Dress everyday and want to now transform into a beautiful woman forever. I love all things in life and want to come out and share all with a very special person. Am very loving and will make someone a perfect wife. Write!"

NANCY BAKER
(TX-P-M3186-K6109-75)
"Member B&P and ASI. Attended Texas T Party '92-'95. Married to loving and supportive wife who helps with wardrobe selection and overall look. Interested in meeting others for socializing and conversation. Enjoy corresponding with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing and petticoat punishment."

LYNETTE C.
(TX-P-M3628-K7533-75)
Divorced, 30, lifelong CD. "Hid in aunt's closet for most of teenage life. Would like to hear from and possible meet sisters and friends from central Texas. I would especially like to hear from other Hispanic sisters who are trying to escape traditional machismo stereotype."

CHERYL L. BOLEN
(TX-P-M3629-K7747-75)
Pre-op TS, 53, 5'15". "Living full time, on hormones over a year. Looking for surgery in '95. Enjoy all kinds of music, love dancing, am artist and author. Now dating, looking for Mr. Right."

KIM HUNTER
(TX-P-M3708-K8038-76)
Single, 30s, hormones since 7/1/92. "Love music, intimate conversation, cooking, good wine. Other interests too varied to list. Relationship-oriented. Seeking stable, healthy relationship. Send photo with letter. Would also like to hear from others in the Rio Grande Valley; friendship, support."

KIMBERLY B.
(TX-P-M4178-K1091-75)
5'9", 135, sophisticated TV. "Looking for a sincere MWM, 35-40 who can make dreams come true. If you enjoy candle light, evenings by the fire, and romantic walks, then just maybe, both our dreams can come true! Polite photo appreciated."

MARK J.
(TX-P-M4275-K2691-75)
33, M, self-employed, athletically fit. "Seek attractive TV, TS for friendship that could develop into a possible long-term relationship. All answered with letter/ photo."

TIFFANY TAYLOR
(TX-P-M4460-K9001-73)
5'9", 165, 31. "Have an interest in everything about crossdressing. Love to attend FI shows and evenings on the town. Your photo gets mine."

LINDA B.
(TX-P-M4547-K9774-73)
Post-op TS, 5'7", 130, 28, 100% passable. "On hormones since age 15. Surgery at age 21. Would like to make friends with other TSs, men interested in TSs, or anyone.

I can offer my experience and support. I believe we are all very special! Please write."

JOHN C.
(TX-P-M4603-K10106-73)
SWM, 40, 5'10", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, educated, understanding of gender issues. "Seek feminine, passable pre-op TS or other TG person 21-45 for quality relationship. Willing to correspond or travel to meet those interested. Photo, phone number appreciated."

BRENDA LOGAN
(TX-NP-M5358-K6872-74)
"Experimenting since a teen. Just recently started fully dressing, and am still somewhat closeted. Wife knows, but not fully supportive. Interested in fashion, glamour, makeup. Would like to make friends with like-minded sisters and exchange tips, photos and experiences. Active on Internet and AOL. Your letter and photo gets mine."

ALICIA G.
(TX-P-M4692-K10379-74)
Married CD, 43, member GCTC and Tri-Ess. "Attended my first convention this year (Be All '94) and looking forward to attending more. Enjoy cooking, shopping and computers. Active on AOL and Compuserve. Want to make friendships with others in community."

R. W.
(TX-M4790-K10551-79)
"Royal ship of the line and a bikini on you. Please write."

DIANA S.
(TX-P-M5103-K11073-73)
"Stranger things have happened. OK, maybe not. SWM, hetero CD, 29, 5'11", 185, Christian, Republican. Seeking compatible female 20-33 for friendship and possibly LTR. Enjoy photography, mountains, quiet evenings, good movies,dressing up. Want very much to find someone understanding and supportive. Photo please."

RACHEL LYNN ALLISON
(TX-M5217-K11568-73)
"Tapestry! What a wonderful discovery. I thought I was alone. Hetero SWM, 37, 6'0", 195, 16/18, CD since childhood. Fought it for years. Have started using makeup only recently. Skills are rudimentary at best. Pass? Not likely. Still in closet. Would like to correspond with other CD/TV/TSs."

ANGIE HONNE
(TX-M5248-K11646-74)
37, 5'4", 130, WBiM. "Married. She knows, but no support, only anger. Otherwise, closet TS. Need help and advice. I am alone. Looking for support and friendship. No smoking, mild drink, and I like music. Never been out, but I really want to be a woman."

JESSICA W.
(TX-M4991-K7670-75)
"48-year-old gay man (heterosexual woman) pre-op TS. Want to meet/correspond with other TG/TS for friendship only. Member of SIS. My husband is supportive. Write soon and let's talk."

COLORADO (800- 816-)

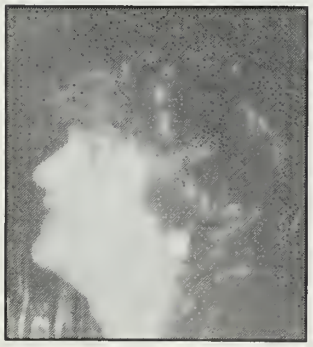
ANNDREA DANIELS
(CO-P-M3726-K5545-76)
Attended Coming Together '91, Fantasia Fair '92, Esprit '93 and IFGE '94. WM CD/FI, mid30s, 5'7", 145, blonde/blue. Interests: doing FI shows, enjoy a wide variety of music, restauranting, swimming and skiing. "Can be a lousy correspondent, but am trying to get better. Like shiny, happy people. Dying to do more shows."

MARLA B.
(CO-P-M4263-K5352-75)
Delta Chapter, Tri-Ess; GIC Colorado; Compuserve ABFH; GEnie Girl; AOL. SWM, hetero, bi-gendered TV. Software designer, artist, writer, teacher, businesswoman, engineer and philosopher. "Enjoy dining, shows, music and sports. Delight in both the balance and the dichotomy of my male and female self. Welcome meeting and corresponding with others."

LAURA R.
(CO-P-M3227-K6292-73)
"TG would like to meet in my area only cannot correspond. Open to many possibilities."

SHEETAH O.
(CO-NP-M3638-K6276-76)
GWM, 6'1", 160, 48, brn/blu, HIV+. "Seeking dominant males only. Submissive, sultry, long legs, sensitive breasts. Fondness for seductive lingerie. Intelligent, sense of humor, vulnerable. Like theatre, arts, good conversation, '70s mellow rock."

PAT ARMSTRONG
(CO-P-M4522-K5164-73)
Married hetero CD. Wife does not participate. On hormones. Pass. Interested in perfecting voice.



JOANNE WILSON
(CO-P-M4620-K10159-74)
DWM, like long closet CD. "Just starting to venture out. Passable after dark (barely). Would like to correspond with others and possible meet. I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to be more active in the community."

WYOMING (820- 831-)

MARILYN MIRACLE
(WY-P-M4555-K7857-77)
Married, loving wife and family, hetero CD, 60s, physician, closeted. Pausing to reflect on what all this means. Writer, teacher, computer literate, large library, many interests. "Welcome e-mail. CompuServe: 72440,2420. Please write. Eager for friends who crossdress and value their feminine persona. Help me learn. I can help you."

MELANIE S.
(WY-P-M5205-K2889-73)
SWM, 30, 5'8", 155, hetero TV/TG. "New girl coming out in Limbaughland. Interested in movies, theater, concerts, dancing, fashion, SCUBA diving, skiing, snowmobiling, intelligent conversation, intimate romance, and, of course, being the loveliest girl I can be. I'm always eager to make friends and go on new adventures."

IDAHO (832- 838-)

KRISTINE TANNER
(ID-NP-M4705-K10403-74)
Attended Texas T Party '94. DWM, late 20s, 5'11", 160, 14. Interested in fly fishing, camping, travel, shopping and attending more events in the transgendered community. "I just came out for the first time and have much to learn. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs, especially in the NW."

UTAH (840- 847-)

KANDEÉ STORRS
(UT-P-M2726-K4384-76)
DWM, straight, 41, 5'10", 180. RCGSE (International Court System) Board. Enjoys performing, raising money to fight AIDS, recreational crossdressing. Rhonda Shear wannabe. Wish to meet others (male or female) with similar interests.

KAREN LYNN STEWART
(UT-NP-M5001-K4431-76)
"I'm 39, 170, 5'8", single, white, MtoF, into Mac computers, camping sewing, sci-fi. Fairly self-reliant, sew my own clothes, fix my car, make jewelry, looking for things to do to relieve my boredom. Would like to pen-pal to talk to others in Utah. Is Provo too specific?"

ROBIN J.
(UT-M3339-K6618-74)
34 D/W/CD/TV/TS/? "Am very interested in corresponding/meeting others. I'm interested in music, shopping, outdoors and comedy clubs. I've started accepting myself as I am. Would like to meet others who can see me in the same light. Looking forward to attending my first convention. Would like to know what to expect."

DESTINY D.
(UT-P-M4247-K9545-76)
Single pre-op TS, 34, 5'5", 125. Hormones since 1/93. "Extensive electrolysis. Adjusting slowly to female lifestyle. Going through the ultra-feminist, 'Men are scum' phase. Would like to

meet with a local support group and hear from other TSs/ Love the outdoors, FI shows and rainy days."

ARIZONA (850- 864-)

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-74)
Member A Rose. DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, and dogs. "Fond of gold clothes, heels, and blonde hair, but also enjoy tight Levi skirts and tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Write."

TOMMIE F.
(EAZ-P-M1158-K1453-76)
"Lifelong CD has large collection of panties and bras in all styles and colors. Want to hear from serious lingerie collectors. Looking for undies from 1930-1960. Like minis, bosomy look. Real passion for heels, hosiery, and lingerie. Would like to correspond with TV sisters, exchange photos and lingerie."

LAURIE K.
(AZ-M12777-K4607-76)
TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic and attractive. Enjoy being sophisticated, fashionable woman of good taste. Interested in art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, and fashions. "Love to meet/ write passable CDs in Phoenix area, elsewhere. Not interested in men!"

CINDY N.
(AZ-P-M4047-K8782-74)
Member Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Married, 5'7", size 18. Interested in photography, desert 4-wheeling, and, of course, shopping.

RASHEL R.
(AZ-P-M4084-K8769-74)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Single, hetero CD. President Alpha Zeta, 1994. Attended California Dreamin' '93, '94, Holiday En Femme '93. "Love to network with serious sisters, e-mail 72142, 1570. Out of the closet, out on the town and enjoying life, clubbing, sisterhood and being me."

REBECCA B.
(AZ-P-M4791-K1362-78)
Member Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess. "Love being feminine. I am retired, 5'10", 210. I dress anytime. I work with wood and design SW style furniture. I like shopping and meeting other TV/CDs. Will write to all and send a picture to all who write to me."

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(AZ-M4888-K8301-76)
"Phoenix area. Single, white male, 44, desire to meet early-stage pre- to post-op for loving, caring monogamous, relationship."

H. THAU
(AZ-M5366-K10430-78)
Romantic, loyal, incarcerated man. Pisces, homeowner, professional chef, German-Irish nationality, 35, 6',hazel-eyes. "Want feminine post-op for marriage. Will provide home, security, all my love. Pre-ops write! Answer all."

NEW MEXICO (870- 884-)

RENEE G.
(NM-M4200-K7141-75)
33, 5'8", 145, closet CD. "Love heels, hose, lace and lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, and meeting some new friends. Will answer all."

DEBRA NICHOL K.
(NM-M4789-K1292-75)
"Sisters in the Santa Fe area: join me to explore the culture and scenery of this beautiful area en femme. I'm passable and looking for companions who want to explore our special gift in this special town."

DEBORAH D. DANIELS
(NM-P-M5316-K11411-75)
Hetero DWCD, 44, 5'10", 16/18, considering electrolysis, hormones, and SRS. "Out occasionally at night to gay bookstore and other safe(?) places. May pass, not confident. Need trans/genetic escort/sister to venture to cafe/ movies/mall, etc. No smokers, drugs. Might host CD/ TV/TS/TG/GG couple for short visits. Picture please."

GERRY T.
(NM-M4475-K7060-76)
51, 5'8", 150 lb, CD/TG, supportive and helpful wife, attended Texas T in '94. "Passable, but no courage. Interested in corresponding with other CDs in nearby area."

NEVADA (890- 898-)

DENISE H.
(NV-NP-M3741-K8199-77)
MWM, 51, 6'0", 185, CD/ TV. Wife supportive, member SPICE (Tri-Ess). Member IFGE, Tri-Ess, Crossroads (MI) & Theta Upsilon

Gamma (NV). "Retired, not expired. Enjoy all things fem. Member of several speakers' groups and fond of outreach work, both inside and outside our community. Love to help sisters and work with our organizations."

MARY R.
(NV-M15290-K11600-74)
DWM, 40s, hetero. "I am just ending a relationship and want to come out. I love to dress and go shopping. I collect panties and will trade. I will answer all who write."

CALIFORNIA (900- 960-)

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M2112-K2522-76)
"Have lived as a woman most of my life. In my early 20s. Am a bisexual TV. I live as a woman, but am not currently on hormones."

LAURA R. COVINGTON
(CA-P-M0480-K1659-74)
DBM, Hetero, 46, 5'8", 140. "I wish to correspond, exchange photos and/or meet other TV/TSs and women. I've been dressing most of my life and realize I'll never stop. I enjoy it too much. I'm in contact with many beautiful people that feel the same."

CHERYL BEAUMONT
(CA-M3269-K6455-74)
"Whew! Survived the year! Looking to correspond with others in the gender community. Busy professional, SWM, 36 &TV, time permitting. Drop a note. I will write back. Email anyone?"

ELIZABETH C. JOHNSON
(CA-P-M1030-K1527-75)
30-something, post-op engineer. "Enjoy gardening, cooking, music, mall hopping, fashion, UFO searching, electronic designing and redesigning professional television systems. Daytime television soap fanatic (*The Young and the Restless*). In the southern 'Rock n Roll' California area."

MARLENE L.
(S CA-NP-M1036-K1602-76)
"I am a retired school teacher aged 62, divorced, Tri-Ess member since 1980. Regularly attend: Holiday en Femme, California Dreamin', Pajaro Dunes, Femme Fling. I go out to films, gambling casinos, theaters, shopping, etc., en femme. I have had a lot of electrolysis recently, and that has helped me to pass."

SHARYN BETH MINSUK
(CA-P-M1472-K7809-73)
Single bi M-F TG, 34, 6'0", electrolysis nearly complete. "PhD research (in embryology) keeps me too busy for pen-pals, but not too busy for dates. Attractive, relaxed non-smokers sought, SF Bay or movies, conversation,..."

VERONICA SMITH
(CA-P-M5086-K10717-77)
Member of ETVC, attended Southern Comfort '93, Texas T '94, '95, IFGE Convention-Portland '94. "Three years limited crossdressing even though I have very supportive wife. Kind souls tell me I could pass, but I don't believe it. Would like to read my sister's accounts of first times out. Will answer all letters."

KATE GOLDMAN
(CA-NP-M1652-K0760-78)
Passable, 5'8", size 12, forever 39 with an understanding spouse. Great sense of humor, discreet and sensitive. "I love sharing ideas with other girls and enjoy makeup, adventures, photography and computers. My passion is to achieve a totally feminine image and spirit. I am starting to get out and about."

STACY C.
(CA-P-M1806-K1961-75)
Married CD, 40s, 6'(she 5'7"), auburn, green (both of us). "We attended California Dreamin' '93. Psychology graduate student studying gender issues—specifically the root cause of TV/TS/CD. 'Is there a predictive measure for identifying this behavior before adulthood?' Would love limited correspondence with intelligent, open people. Include P/P for response."

RACHAEL D.
(N CA-P-M181I-K1957-75)
"Lifestyle changing. Very happy just going out as a woman, doing regular stuff: shopping, errands, etc. I do pass well. TV group meetings secondary now. Still belong to RGA, ETVC, DVG, though."

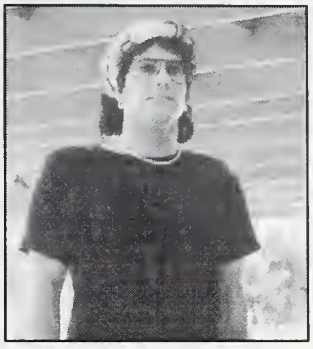
LISA ANN MAXWELL
(CA-P-MI965-K2133-76)
Member ETVC, RGA, Northern CA. MWM, 39, 5'8", 145, 10, DWM. "Attractive, effervescent. I love life, all its changes. Closet door is forever lost. Reasonably passable. I love my toddler son, just being Lisa, dancing, gardening, shopping. I tend to be an adventuress. Revel in emotions, intimacy. Be who you are, time is life."

•LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-?-M2833-K4704-80)
Member ETVC. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. "Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-lesbian in relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."

MELISSA M. FOSTER
(S CA-P-M2099-KI518-73)
"White TV enjoys meeting people who have the same interests and that enjoy going out and having fun. I travel extensively and love meeting people and visiting other groups. I am presently very involved in the community and very much enjoy helping those who are looking for information or help."

ROXANNA ROCHETTE
(N CA-P-M2350-K3063-74)
Member ETVC, DVG. "Life is short, art is long. I am a redheaded feminine TV, stylish, imaginative, artistic with an affection for vampish darkside things. Open to sharing this love of the androgynous illusion as an art form with genuine individuals through letters, images and whatever life allows."

•JOSEPHINE C.
(CA-?-M3137-K5115-73)
"Black, hetero CD, 5'10", 195, married to a loving Japanese woman who understands my need to crossdress. Very shy, and would like to come out of the closet. Profession prevents it. Enjoy mathematics, chess, computers and Japanese. Would love to make friends with CD/TV/TS/TG. Sexual orientation not a problem."



KRIS M.
(C CA-P-M27I3-K4340-75)
CD, 36, 5'8", brown hair/eyes. "Sensitive, honest and caring. Love everything feminine. Would appreciate letters, photos. Thanks."

•CHELSEA BROWN
(CA-?-M2934-K4993-73)
35, 6', hazel eyes, red hair. Interested in computers, correspondence and fiction. "Please write, I will respond eventually."

MARY ANNE S.
(CA-P-M3030-K5498-73)
"I've been a very busy student and don't have time to correspond anymore. My apologies to those who have written and haven't received a reply. When I complete my degree I'll again be interested in correspondence."

JUDI BENSEN
(CA-P-M3063-K4877-73)
MWM, 40+ hetero. Lifelong CD. "Wife has observed and assisted, but does not understand. I adore our feminine side. Been away for awhile, and am seeking pen-gals for better understanding."

CHARLI RICHARDS
(CA-M4068-K8799-78)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'+, 215, 60+, non-smoker, wife unaccepting. "Have not allowed myself to accept femme side until recently. Am learning. Finding that there are other sisters who are most supportive and cordial has been very helpful. Dress when able. Will answer all. Enjoy and encouraged with contacts with sisters."

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)
Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blab-

bing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *Genderflex* - Contributors welcome. "This is my real life."

•KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-79)
TG, 43, Bi, androgynous, on hormones. Lifelong CD, supportive wife. "Delight in all that is soft and feminine. Fascinated by the issues of transformation of consciousness, magic and shamanism implicit in crossdressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation and Deep-ecology. Love to hear from others, especially in S CA. Compuserve 74534,3255"

MARY R.
(CA-P-M4140-K8927-74)
"Like to meet CDs in Bay area; NS. Love heels, dancing, partying. I've been dressing up for 10 years. Want to socialize and go out more. I really have an appreciation for you dressed up. Write so we can talk by phone, correspond, or meet."

DIANA McGINNIS
(CA-P-M4741-K10489-74)
SW pre-op M-F TS. Member DVG. 48, 5'11", 135, 10/12. "Family supportive, but in midwest. Would like to meet GG/CD/TG/TV/TSs locally for shopping, movies, dinner, enjoying music, talking, taking photos."

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-M3627-K7688-75)
58, 5'10", 165, have nice figure. Like trips to the beach, vintage cars, sewing with machine, music. "Dress appropriately for my age, greyish wig, stylish clothes, etc. Enjoy dressing, wife supportive, but has never seen me dressed. Still in closet. Will answer all mail."

LORI M.
(CA-P-M4747-K10546-74)
MWM, 39, novice TS/TG, very discreet, wife non-supportive. "Still in closet. Enjoy computers, movies and photography. Would like to meet big sister in the Antelope or San Fernando Valley area who can teach me to become the lady I long to be."

PENELOPE JAIN
(CA-M5005-K0766-76)
"Still a girl who dreams of being a woman. Would like to hear from sisters who live in Germany."

JENNIFER H.
(CA-M5173-K11414-77)
"Athletic, 30-something San Francisco TV. Educated, fun-loving professional. Travel, love to dress, meet those interested in our 'sport.' Attend conventions, go out. Attractive, bright, blue eyes, brown hair, great sense of humor. Very active in both sports. Let's meet!"

GLENDA S.
(CA-NP-M5388-K1175-75)
SWM, 37, 6'1", 175, size 11, tall, slender. "Enjoy evenings at home CD in tight clothes and becoming as sexy as I can. Wish to meet same or TV/TS. Exchange photos, videos. Answer all that enclose stamp. Please fulfill my fantasy with letter, photo, video, discreet meeting. Travel for right person."

DONNA FREEMAN
(N CA-P-M1664-K1819-75)
Member DVG, ETVC, Tri-Ess, RGA. "Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Have attended over 10 conventions. MWM hetero TV, 47 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive. Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 7 years. Understanding and actively supportive wife."

RANDI GARNER
(CA-M5412-K7639-75)
"Fun-loving, 45, starting over for try #3 at womanhood. Love Mt. living, biking and all things feminine."

MARINA J.
(CA-M5458-K11135-75)
GF Lesbian, 5'6", sixe 16, 40(look younger), attractive. "Open to meeting M-F lesbians (post or non-op) for friendship, possible commitment later. N/S, N/D, vegetarian. Love animals, children, gardening, Star Trek, metaphysics, emotional and physical intimacy. Not a sports fan. Would like to relocate to a rural coastal area."

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967- 969-)

TRACY ANN RYAN
(HI-P-M2180-K2598-73)
President Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. Cross-living TG. "Will correspond with people planning to visit Hawaii, people interested in our group or group formation elsewhere, and people interested in real estate or who are in the real estate business."

SHERI SUZANNE THOMAS
(HI-P-M4862-K6291-75)
42, 5'9". "Crossdressing since childhood. Passable. Have TS inclinations. Adore everything feminine. Would love to take hormones and live full-time as a woman. But, still in closet. Play guitar. Interested in music (rock and classical) and art."

OREGON (970- 979-)

RHONDA F.
(OR-M2708-K4343-79)
43, 5'10", 165, still in closet. "Wife knows and is tolerant. Small town paranoia. Traveling in Oregon and most outdoor activities. Love lingerie and TV fiction books, and have large collection of both. Love catalogue shopping."

JAN C.
(OR-M3514-K7221-74)
MWM, 60+. Computer nut. Interested in dressing and easy listening music. "Travel monthly across US. Wife non-supportive. Need someone to talk to and learn from. Will write all promptly. Want to meet other CDs."

BOBBIE P.
(OR-M5204-K11539-74)
Single BiWM, TV, 5'11", 48. "Crossdressing since age 13. Prefer to live in female gender, attracted to same. Would like to correspond with TV sisters and exchange photos."

RONI LANG
(OR-NP-M3599-K7624-80)
SWM. Interested in bowling, water skiing, snow skiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. "Enjoy all activities as Roni."

HEATHER B.
(OR-P-M4689-K9843-74)
Tall MW TV, sincere, honest, friendly. "Thoroughly enjoy being Heather and her male counterpart. Interests include books, history tary, Scandinavian, American), reading, sci-fi, music, shopping, and all things feminine. Wonderful wife knows and is supportive. Looking forward to corresponding with other TG sisters from all over. Will answer all."

MARCIA NICLES
(OR-M5448-K9795-75)
DWM, 49, 5'10", full-figured, size 20 and losing. "Interested in movies, old cars, 40's and 50's music, and all things feminine. I have been crossdressing for several years, still in the closet but would like to meet TS or genetic sister for guidance and to develop a relationship. Sorry no photos yet, having them done as I write, passable. I will answer all."

AMY SAKURAI
(OR-NP-M4910-K10861-76)
Married, hetero CD, 5'9", 140, size 10. "Flirtitious professional with a sutle TS streak. Boringly conventional, yet impulsively mischievous. Love skirts, nylons, and heels. Plays a most unlady-like game of competitive badminton"

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

BARBARA BARRETT
(WA-P-M0258-K0560-75)
Member NWGA, Emerald City, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, fashion, movies, camping, meeting new sisters. "Have supportive SO. Lifelong CD. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, sincerity, discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers and CD events. New to Olympic Peninsula area. Will answer all."

•SANDY S.
(WA-?-M1022-K1728-79)
Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 48. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."

JUDY OSBORNE
(WA-P-M1024-K1719-80)
Member Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. "Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do, having fun."

MELISSA LEEANN P.
(WA-NP-M2102-K2505-76)
"Single post-op TS. Member of Emerald City, Tri-Ess. My interests are collecting dolls and stamps, sewing, calligraphy, model railroading and stamps. Enjoy my new life as a woman and am quite outspoken on gender issues. Looking for the right man. Will answer all letters."

JASON CROMWELL
(WA-M3828-K1722-73)
Member of Ingersoll Gender Center. Attended Coming Together '91, '92, Southern Comfort '91, '92. FTM, 40, active in gender community for past nine years. Interested in anthropology, art, music (rock to open), literature, riding a motorcycle. "Interested in corresponding with other FTMs and female TVs. Sometimes slow to reply, but will answer all."

DEANNA W.
(WA-NP-M5142-K11257-73)
DWM, 50, 6'3", 195, professional - Emerald City, SIS. "Now spend as much time as possible en femme and truly enjoy my femininity. I am caring and compassionate and find myself more so each day as I become the woman I want to be. I enjoy reading, snow skiing and computers."

LINDA LOUISE S.
(WA-M4001-K8609-74)
"Feminine MWM/Lesbian TV, love beauty in nature, music, femininity and caring relationships. Unsupportive spouse restricts life for now. Seek feminine M-F TV of F who is loving and accepting. Friendship now, more later. Only sincere letters answered: be interesting, caring and romantic."

LORRIET.
(WA-M4057-K7891-74)
MWM, smoker, 48, 5'7", 135. "Very supportive wife. Want to correspond and dress one-on-one with other crossdressers in Oregon/Washington. Have never dressed with others. I'm nervous, but anxious. Love everything feminine from makeup to lingerie. Please write. I promise I'll respond. Photo appreciated and will be returned."

EMILY THOMAS
(WA-P-M3119-K5669-73)
Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. 5'7", 155, 52, brown hair and eyes. Married 25 years to an understanding woman. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, computers, wood working, plants, and reading. Enjoy working with other CDs on the Emerald City Hot Line and write occasionally to sisters in the NW who are patient with my slow responses."

GERRI BECKEN
(WA-P-M3230-K6299-79)
6'0", 160, 42, single CD/TV. "Interested in reading romance and science fiction/fantasy, computers, long walks, and dressing. Will respond to all letters. Do pass in public. Please write."

ANNE L.
(WA-M5027-K9023-73)
Member Emerald City. 44, 5'11", 155. Non-supportive spouse. Interests include art, dance, digital photography. "Wish to meet other TGs in Seattle area, major west coast cities, Chicago, NYC, for friendship and travel. Wish to correspond, share experiences with other professionals attempting gradual transition through androgyny."

S. DEVAUX
(WA-M5306-K11778-74)
"Closeted WM CD, 40s, at a crossroad. Looking for new experiences, lifestyles. Anglophile, considerate. Like to find employment related to community. Would consider escorting passable TV/TS. Interested in history & identifying means by which community can elevate acceptance levels. Will seriously attempt corresponding."

JESSIE H.
(WA-NP-M4668-K10333-75)
43, 5'11", 170, red-blue, Andro-Lesbian attracted to TS women pre-post. "Looking for single M2F with positive attitude. If you are a TRANSGENDER activist, a big plus. I like simple, cheap pleasures: beach, park, movies. I love animals. Hang in there, love yourself, you are worth it! Ingersoll and Emerald City!"

MICHELLE DANIELS
(WA-M3532-K7254-75)
5'8", 165, long red hair, green eyes, 40. Interested in '50's, '60's, '70's cars, seeing new places, meeting new and all great people in our special ways. "Not much in the way of support groups or the likes around here. Have to go a ways, but still do dress and love it. Love to correspond with others. Travel continental US part of summer. Will answer all."

SHARON L. MORGAN
(WA-NP-M1303-K1679-75)
"Ten years short of the century mark. Lifelong crossdresser desires to exchange thoughts, views and experiences. Well read and much travelled. Will answer all genetic women. Love the attire of the pre-1900s: corsetry and crinolines, lace and more lace. *Tapestry* subscriber since #50."

ALASKA
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BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-P-M3314-K6591-75)
Member Berdache Society, Alaskan T-People. Attended Alaska Coronation '92, '93. WHM, 51, 5'5", 135. Supportive wife and grown and gone children. Interested in computers, art, play guitar and flute. "Spend all my non-work time as a woman, and go out a lot. Love to communicate. Photo appreciated."

SUZANNE TAYLOR
(AK-M2422-K3304-75)
Married, 38, CD, 6'2", eyes of blue, 140. "Just attended Coming Together in Portland as my first event. Looking forward to seeing all of the beautiful people that I met there in Atlanta in '95! Special thanks to Yvonne, Veronica, Stephanie for making my first time great!"

STEPHANIE MARIE LOLLI
(AK-M4588-K-73)
31, 6'0", 175. "Dressing since childhood and enjoy the life as Stephanie every chance. Enjoy movies, old radio programs, long walks, dining out and entertaining. Wish to meet/correspond with other sisters and women interested in CD/TV. Passable in public. All letters answered. Photo upon yours."

DEIRDRE LUNN
(AK-P-M5303-K10004-74)
"Blind, pre-op TS female, age 37, who is seeking a companion, male or female, for a sincere relationship. I've been living as a female for 5 years. I enjoy the outdoors, canoeing, music, animals, and good conversation. I prefer sincere people who do not smoke or drink. All replies welcome."

CANADA

WENDY HOULE
(CAN-M4606-K10132-77)
"Divorced, single parent with four children to take care of. TV/TS. late 30s, dressing all my life. Want to correspond and/or meet other CD/TG/TS/GG for helping me to improve my femme side. Looking for help and support. No sex letters."

ROBYN V.
(CAN-P-M2449-K3392-74)
Member of Gender Mosaic, Ottawa, and Xpressions, Toronto. Hetero TV, 50, married, family, living in southeastern Ontario. Interested in theater, classical and other music, skiing, and boating. "Love to shop, dine and enjoy others en femme. Travel to NYC, Toronto, Ottawa and other cities. Could we get together sometime? Please write. Photos appreciated."

GLEN M.
(CAN-P-M2740-K4423-75)
Attended Coming Together '91, '92, '93, Fantasia Fair '91, '92, Be All '94, Erie '94, Harry Benjamin '93. SWM hetero, 5'11", 165. Interested in running, banjo playing, friendships, relationships, golfing. "As a 'male-dresser,' regardless of role, I am always 'a man.' Passing not important. Presentability, relating and decorum essential"

•KAREN FOX
(CAN-?-M3140-K5888-77)
Fantasia Fair veteran since '92. Interested in computers, comic books, stockings, and high heels. "Been a cross-dresser since I was a teenager. I enjoy the feeling of silky stockings against my hairless legs. Enjoyed walking outside with the cool air as Karen during my visits to P-town during the Fair."

•ERICA JAYNE R.
(CAN-P-M3323-K6583-74)
Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170. single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver/Seattle area. Photo and phone appreciated."

JENNIFER BLAKE
(CAN-P-M3385-K6790-75)
"Petite and passable, very photogenic, 30, love shopping as a female. Love going out as a female, with a man at my side, shopping or formal dining. Married 1990 en femme, complete with gown and ensemble. Love prom, bridesmaid and bridal fashions, but also enjoy dressing sexy when my mood dictates. E-mail: jenblake@wchat.on.ca"

MICHELLE M.
(CAN-P-M3475-K7228-75)
Member Boulton and Park. 5'8", 22W, motivated, self-employed entrepreneur, supportive wife, certified electrologist. Interested in self-improvement, sewing, helping other CDs out of closet. "Looking for other CDs for social gatherings, Toronto to Oshawa area, away from radical Downtown Scene. Life's too short to just stay alone at home."

ROBYNN MARIE LAYNE
(CAN-NP-M4455-K3419-77)
2 short years-so many changes! TS, in transition, cross-live except work/family, single and staying that way! "Grateful for the support, determined to stay happy. Many interests, one over-whelming desire- to BE! Realistic, positive outlook

seeking similar sincereity in correspondence. Still reserved, still loyal, will answer all."

GLENDA T.
(CAN-M4809-K9040-76)
Early 40s, single, hetro CD, 5'3", 155lb., member of Cornbury. "Never been out, but perhaps... Interests include musical theatre, travel and sports. I'd like to meet/correspond with sisters and supportive ladies in Victoria and Canada."

CHRISTINE B.
(CAN-P-M4486-K9701-73)
Tall, slim, blue-eyed brunette, hetero CD, early 40s. "Interested in intelligent, sensitive, non-sexual correspondence with anyone who is either struggling or reveling in this difficult/joyous condition/opportunity life has presented to those of us who are gender gifted."

DAWNA TRACY
(CAN-P-M4787-K2066-75)
Bi-pre-op TS, 30s, member Xpressions (Toronto). Cross-live P/T. 6', size 16, seek new job, very public, hormones upgraded, 75% through electrolysis. Love music, laughter, sensuality, travel. Frustrated by estranged family/close friends. Feel fulfillment and self realization. Love career girl/party looks. Dream of Platonic mentor for career."

MICHELLE E.
(CAN-M4564-K9891-73)
"Attractive hetero TV, 34, 6', 12/14. Divorced, honest, sincere, open minded. Seek supportive friends. Ultimately lonely for understanding genetic women (like Orientals). Enjoy swimming, mechanics, mountains, photography, modeling as a woman. Passable, but still in closet. Need opportunities to be P/T woman, date women/TSs."

M.G.
(CAN-M4685-K10367-71)
Single genetic male in 60s very interested in all transsexuals and androgynes. "Would like to correspond with a M-F and F-M TS (especially the latter, and post-op). Must be willing to share experiences. Also would like to correspond with genetic females. Only TS, androgynes and genetic females, please write."

JANET C.
(CAN-P-M4855-K7328-75)
"Love jazz and dance music and prom fashions. Looking for male model type, but would love to hear from gentlemen of any age."

JERI CARLA
(CA-P-M5404-K2800-79)
"Twenty years fem, 40, 6', 220 on the way down. Sometimes passable, sometimes dress while shopping. Love to chat. Enjoy the outdoors, fishing, shooting, reloading, motorcycles, mountains. Looking for a woman to be my husband."

BRAZIL

RICK G.
(BRAZIL-M4560-K9889-73)
Member Rose's (*Repartee*). WSM 5'7", 150, 29 years old. "I would like to make friends with TV/TS/CDs. I love lingerie and high heels. I can travel anywhere. Write."

EUROPE

YVONNE THOMPSON
(GER-P-M3050-K5626-73)
Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, ash blond hair, somewhat passable. Interested in photography, cooking, jazz of the '40s and '50s, traveling. "Attended 25th anniversary FPE-NE, EuroFantasia, Harmony Weekend. I like fine lingerie, elegant ladylike dresses, perfect makeup. Dressed up many times in public. Like to correspond with sisters in the USA."

HEIKE SPREITZER
(GER-M5054-K6501-76)
Member Intersex Society of N. America, Vaginoplasty Support Network, Androgene Insensitivity Syndrome Support Network, Transidentitas. Intersexed (mixed gonadal dysgenesis)/transgender radical. Founder of German Intersex Network. Cognitive anthropologist. Hates photographs. Terrific bass player, but sucks on guitar. Enthusiastic & usually quick responding letter writer.

GWEN M.
(GER-M5159-K11305-73)
Hetero CD, 32. "Interested in photography, music, fashion and feminism. Want to share experience and photos. Will be in Chicago area in the fall and would like to meet some sisters, TS/CD/GG."

SHARA J.
(GER-M5202-K11536-73)
MWM, CD, 43, 5'11", 18/20. "Out of the closet in 1990. Supportive wife and daughter. Would like to meet and become friends with other couples and individuals who are interested in the feminine world. Like to travel when the time permits."

BARBARA D.
(BEL-P-M4568-K9925-73)
MWM, 6'2", Member Rose's, 31, hetero TV. Interested in music, photography and computers (active on BBSs). "Busy professional, but will always try to find time to answer your letters or meet and even accommodate if you are traveling to Belgium."

JENNY SAND
(NOR-P-M2584-K3753-68)
Member FPE-Northern Eu-

rope. Attended Fantasia Fair '90, '91. TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

CLAUDIA B.
(SWITZERLAND-M5334-K11843-73)
Member of Femme Travestie 32, CD.

IVANA (EVE) S.
(YUGOSLAVIA-NP-M5349-K4473-74)
Member of Rose's, TV, 31, string TS inclinations. "Looking for a mature person/couple who can help and enjoy my further transformation. Have very refined taste for clothes, lingerie, shoes. Love stockings, corsets, high heels. I'll be your mistress, your maid, or just a wife or friend."

AUSTRALIA

JOANNE WILSON
(AUS-P-M2516-K3664-73)
MWM, 5'10", 160, 50+. Interested in reading, writing, theatre, arts, film. "Total look TV since preteens. Professional author/writer. Love to correspond and share pictures. Guaranteed replies."

KYMAYRES
(AUS-P-M4559-K9888-73)
Treasurer Seahorse Society NSW. MWM, CD, 5'5", 130, 10/12, 61, arts teacher, degree in Visual Arts and Art History and Criticism. Practising artist. Interested in arts, music, writing, photography. Accepting and supportive wife. "Like to correspond with other crossdressers."

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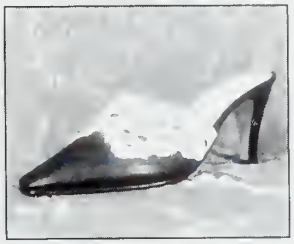

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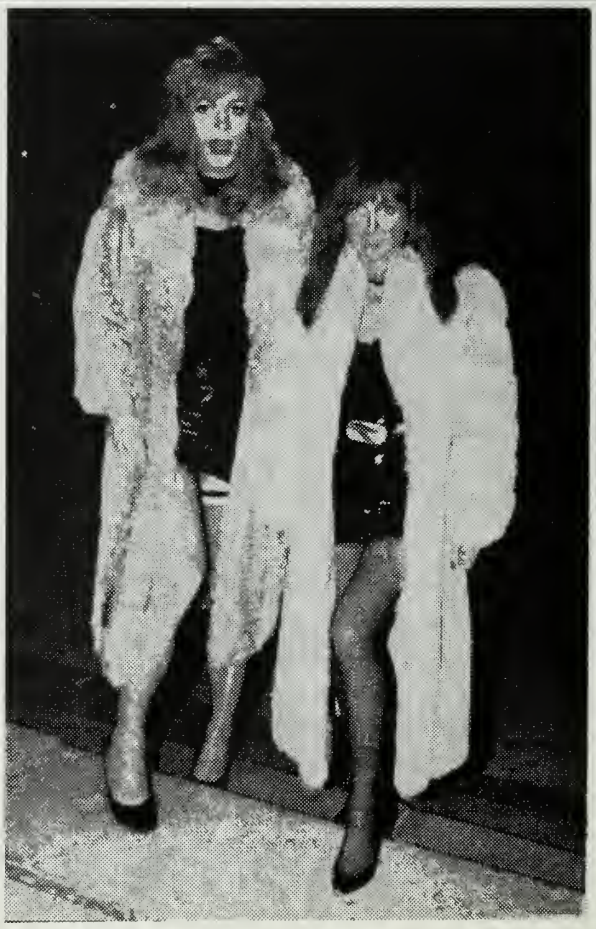

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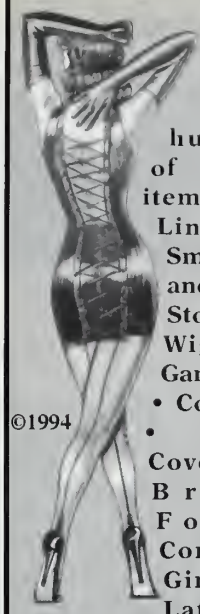

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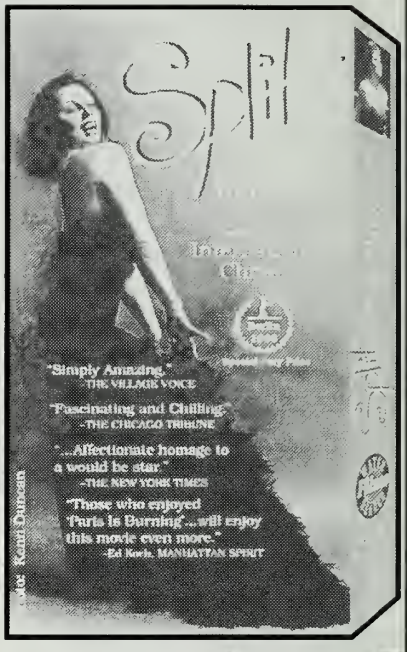

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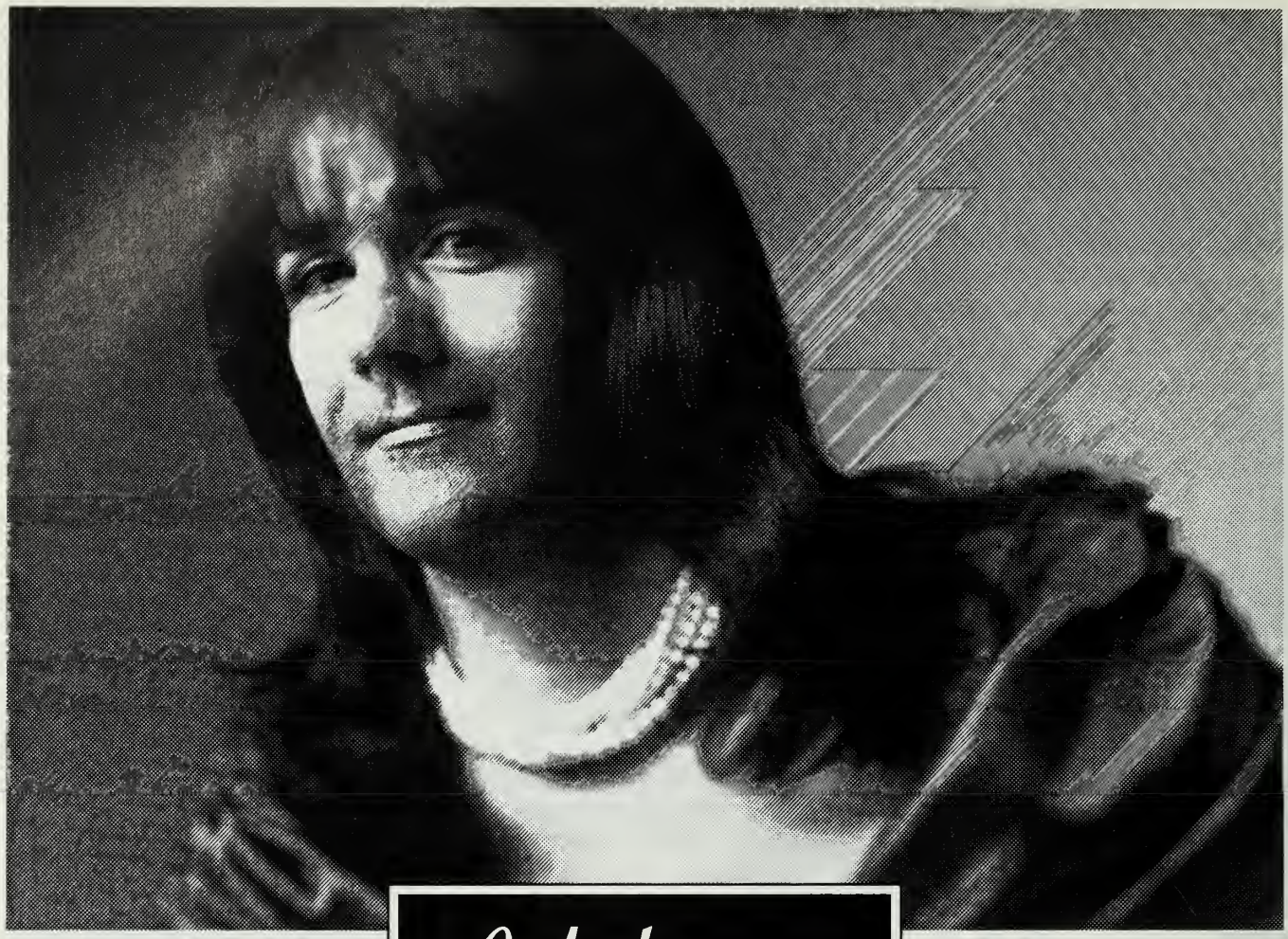

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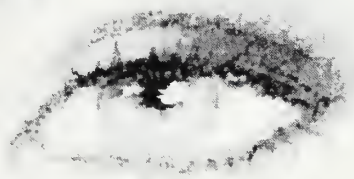

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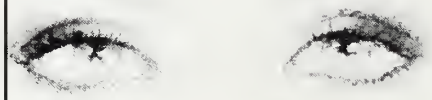

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